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No Tax Increase Needed To Fund Nearly \$1 Million In Add'l Spending

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With close to \$1 million more than expected in tax revenue flowing into town coffers, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson is proposing a supplemental operating budget that will create one new position, assist in meeting the requirements of the High School accreditation report, boost the town's stabilization fund, and pay for a fire rescue vehicle, building improvements, and two playscapes without increasing taxes.

In a memorandum sent to Town Council last week, Johnson proposes to spend an additional \$850,000 over and above the \$45.2 million operating budget which sailed through the review process with the unanimous approval of Town Council in June.

The money to pay for the supplemental budget comes from new growth in the property tax levy which exceeds the estimated \$650,000 contained in the Mayor's original spending plan for the next fiscal year.

According to Johnson, "The continued construction of the Berkshire Power facility and the continued expansion of Riverside Park and other businesses and residences has created approximately \$850,000-plus in excess new growth. In other words, I am proposing to fund the entire

supplemental operating budget from excess new growth which will still result in no tax increase."

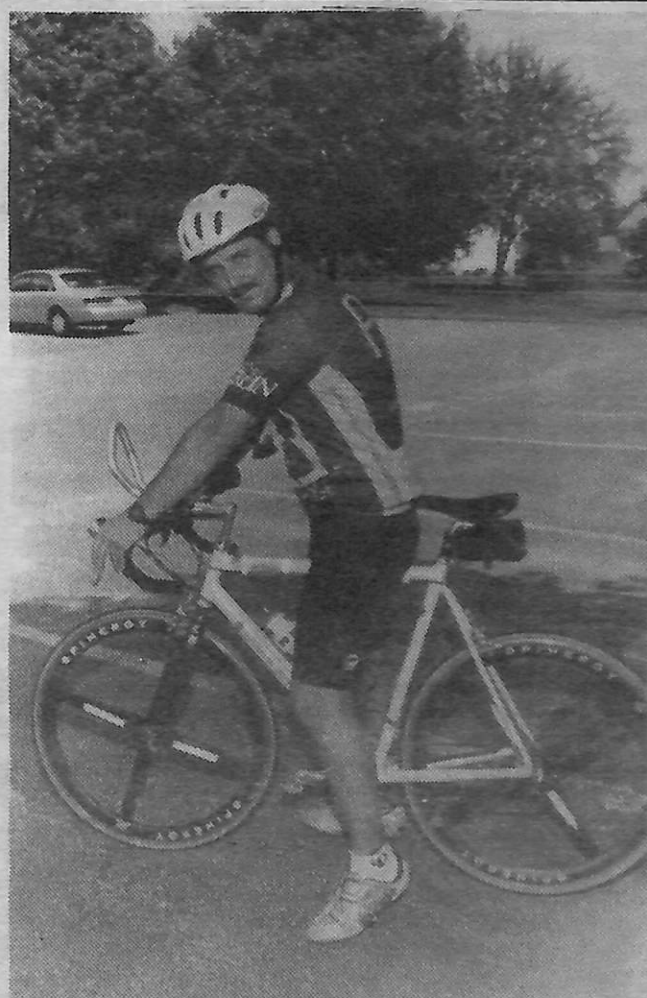
At the time the operating budget was being prepared and submitted to the council, there were several items requiring appropriations which were either unknown or for which reasonably accurate cost estimates were not available, Johnson said.

The lion's share of the new funding request will go to the stabilization fund to assist in completing planned capital improvement projects, including a new Department of Public Works (DPW) garage and expansion projects at the Senior Center and Town Hall. Adding \$500,000 to the stabilization fund will give the town approximately \$2.5 million to draw on during the initial years of temporary and permanent borrowing for the proposed capital improvements.

Obtaining Favorable Interest Rates...

By demonstrating a commitment to increasing its financial reserves, the town will be in a better position to obtain favorable interest rates on \$9.65 million in bonds to pay for a portion of the recently completed school expansion and renovations projects. More favorable interest rates will reduce the cost of the school projects to the taxpayers, Johnson said.

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STEVEN STARK OF AGAWAM. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bike Rodeo At Perry Lane...



LAST MONTH AT PERRY LANE, the Agawam Police Department conducted a "Bike Rodeo" to teach Agawam and Feeding Hills youngsters about the importance of bicycle safety. IN LEFT PHOTO: Police Officers Don Gallerani and Bob Burke with several "Rodeo" participants. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Officers Burke and Richard Niles with a young bicyclist. (See related photo on Page 32.) Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

In Pan-Mass. Challenge...

"Heavy Hitter" Rides Bicycle For Cancer Research

by Kathy Shepard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Steven Stark of Agawam will ride in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge this weekend, August 8th and 9th. This is the 20th anniversary of this ride, which is the largest single annual fundraising event to benefit The Jimmy Fund for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. This year, Steve will ride in the event for the 12th time, and he is on the "heavy hitter list," raising over \$2,600 for this year's coffers.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor for Steve can call 1-800-WE-CYCLE to pledge support. There is also information on ways to volunteer or view the event; call the local office of The Jimmy Fund at 567-0615 or their central office at 781-449-5300. Their website is www.pmc.org.

According to Executive Director Billy Starr, event founder, "The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge has set a \$7 million fundraising goal that we expect to crush. This is our 20th year and we will have raised over \$40 million after this weekend. The money raised on this weekend represents over 40 percent of all money raised this year on behalf of The Jimmy Fund."

Agawam's Steve Stark is one of over 2,000 riders who use their love of bicycle-riding to raise money for research. The Pan-Massachusetts

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The new budget proposal also calls for \$146,748 to be added to the Building Maintenance budget for the purchase and installation of new lockers in the Agawam High School boys' locker room and for the clean-up costs of an oil spill at Clark School.

Based on a price quote from a school furniture supplier, the cost of the new gym lockers is estimated at \$67,485 and cleaning up the oil-contaminated soil at Clark School is expected to cost an additional \$79,263.

Johnson said the oil leak was discovered during the removal of the large oil tank as part of the school renovation project. Retained to monitor the site and present options for cleaning up the contamination, Environmental Compliance Services will undertake an intensive remediation of the area over a one-year period that will cost less than a proposal for natural attenuation over a five-year period, Johnson said.

"There are not sufficient funds left in the bond issue to pay for these unforeseen costs and the town is obligated by Massachusetts General Law to clean up the contamination," Johnson said.

Equal amounts (\$75,000) will be spent on purchasing and installing two new playscapes at Perry Lane Park and on assisting the School Department to meet the recommendations in the recent High School accreditation report from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The School Department will be asked to submit a report to the Council in June to explain how the funds were used at the High School.

Recreation Director Christopher Sparks estimates it will cost \$23,000 to install two new playscapes at Perry Lane. A play area designed for preschoolers at the town nursery school and the Early Childhood Center, as well as for use by the general public, will cost about \$12,000 for the playscape, ground cover, and fencing; a second playscape designed for use by school-aged children at Perry Lane Camp and the general public will cost \$40,000 for the play equipment and ground cover.

The preschool play area will be completely fenced in with self-closing gates and benches for adults, a new set of small swings, and a sand play area. A large set of swings will be placed near the playscape for the older children, according to Sparks.

Purchase Of A 1986 G.M.C. Rescue Vehicle...

The budget includes \$41,000 to purchase a 1986 G.M.C. rescue vehicle from the Wurstboro Fire Department in New York. The vehicle is presently

owned by the volunteer fire department and has less than 15,000 miles on the odometer. Johnson said representatives from the Fire Department went to Wurstboro to see the truck and found it to be in excellent condition. Wurstboro agreed to sell the truck for \$9,000 less than their asking price, including equipment. The truck will be used for emergency rescue operations and will be the tow truck for the fire rescue boat, replacing a 1975 step van with high mileage and limited adaptability for continued rescue work, Johnson said.

Johnson's spending plan will create one new position effective in November to be paid at the Tier 5 level of the administrative pay scale (\$29,001-\$32,640). The new position will be called Recycling Coordinator/Public Health Inspector and will be shared equally by the Health Department and the DPW, at a cost of \$20,650 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Health Inspector Randall White said the new position will provide him with needed assistance and provide beneficial services to the town. In documentation supporting the creation of the new position, White points out that changes in the state regulations for septic systems have resulted in an increase in the Health Department's workload and that the expansion of the food concessions at Riverside Park and the construction of the water park require two to four days a month for conducting inspections and complaint investigations. Also, the health agent is responsible for inspecting 13 semi-private pools and three recreational day camps during the summer months.

According to DPW Superintendent John P. Stone, a half-time recycling coordinator will monitor trash collection to ensure that BFI is delivering only waste collected under the terms of the town's contract for delivery to the resource recovery plant on Bondi's Island through unannounced inspections and tailings of the trash trucks. And the coordinator will ensure that residents are adhering to the recycling regulations.

"The reputation of the solid waste collection and hauling business over the years and throughout the country is not one that inspires confidence and trust," Stone said in a memo to the Mayor in explaining the need for the new position.

Also, recent checks indicate that household participation in recycling is somewhat less than 85 percent. If the participation rate can be increased to 95 percent, annual savings would be \$15,955 this year, increasing to \$19,477 in fiscal year 2004, according to Stone.

Veterans' Corner...**Ohio Researcher
Learns Of Honor Roll
On The Internet**

by Ruth C. Bitzas

Veterans' Agent - 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

This past week, I was very surprised by a telephone call from Mr. Bob Kasprzak requesting information on a World War I veteran who resided in Agawam. He had heard from someone over the Internet that Agawam is planning an extensive Honor Roll and he wanted some information on World War I veteran John (Jack) J. Sullivan.

He explained that he is researching the 29th Aero Squadron and that he had some information on a reunion of the squadron which was held in 1969. Former Squadron member Jack J. Sullivan was a member of the reunion committee. On the excerpt e-mailed to me, Jack Sullivan's address was listed as 58 Wilson Street, Agawam, MA.

Mr. Kasprzak asked if I could try to locate any relatives of the veteran or anyone who may know of other veterans or families of veterans who served in the 28th. I NEED YOUR HELP! IF YOU KNOW JACK SULLIVAN OF AGAWAM OR RELATIVES OF JACK, PLEASE CONTACT MY OFFICE.

I do have a copy of Jack's discharge on file showing he did serve in the 28th Aero Squadron. I e-mailed Bob Kasprzak and told him I would try to help him out. I also explained that Jack Sullivan's name IS NOT ON OUR HONOR ROLL LIST. WE HAVE HIS DISCHARGE BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH HIS HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO THE MILITARY. HE SENT ME A COPY OF THE REUNION PLANS SO WE DO KNOW THAT JACK J. SULLIVAN LIVED IN AGAWAM IN 1969.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL, PLEASE CONTACT THE VETERANS' SERVICE DEPT. AT THE TOWN HALL.

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Letters To The Editor

The Final Score Doesn't Always Identify Every Winner

To The Editor:

I am writing to pass on some observations as a parent and fan of youth softball. Last weekend, I had the pleasure of watching Agawam's entry into the Metro Softball League play in the year-end championship tournament.

In particular, this team played at least three games on Saturday in oppressive heat and humidity and fought their way through the losers' bracket winning two games in similar weather on Sunday. This brought them to the championship game, making it their third game that day, and second in a row.

I was a stand-in first base coach for their opponent, the Wilshire Athletic Association (Springfield) entry, giving me a unique vantage point. It should be noted this was our first game of the day. While Agawam did not win this game, they were the B Division runner-up, displaying the qualities of a champion.

Despite the disadvantage of their three-game ordeal, they were upbeat and committed opponents down to their last out. The players, their coaches, and fans were exemplary in their positive approach to competition. It is evident the players' comportment was directly influenced by the parental and coaching examples observed that weekend.

Hopefully, your readers will now get a chance to acknowledge a group of girls and adults who represented their town with grace under pressure and who have a proper perspective on competitive athletics. The final score doesn't always identify every winner. It was a joy to be on the same field with them.

Very truly yours,
Roy Nash
Springfield

Reacting To Dr. Michael Jawitz's Guest Editorial

To The Editor:

The guest editorial by Board of Health member Michael J. Jawitz, M.D., explained why he voted against the restaurant smoking ban. He took aim right away at the *Union-News* by saying, "I do recognize that the author of the *Springfield Union's* articles re: smoking in Agawam's restaurants was obviously pro-ban and nowhere is he required to be objective, 'just looking for a story.'"

He would probably object also to the July 26th *Boston Globe* story in which health experts said that the strongest argument for a ban lies with the safety of the restaurant workers, who have one of the highest rates of lung cancer of all occupations in the state. I'm sure that Dr. Jawitz, a physician, would attempt to refute this claim since he has said before that secondhand smoke is not much of a health issue.

Jawitz continued at length in his editorial with obscure philosophical ramblings, invoking luminaries such as Karl Marx and Albert Camus in an attempt to impress Agawam's citizens with his erudition, forgetting all the while that his job—which he has failed at miserably—is to safeguard the health of the citizenry. Town officials who appoint and confirm Health Board members such as Jawitz need to do a better job scrutinizing each appointee's qualifications, thereby assuring that the health of its residents will be protected.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

The "Bear" Facts From One Feeding Hills Resident

To The Editor:

A black bear story! Holy cow! I looked out in my backyard on Saturday, July 31st at 3:30 p.m. and what did I see?

A black bear, around 250 pounds or more, eating sunflower seeds from my four birdfeeders, which the bear had taken down! The bear was sitting and eating, then got up and "strolled" up the street.

I'm told he was all over town and even on the Town golf course. The bear did not touch by bird-bath at all. It was full of water.

Eddie Barako
Feeding Hills

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Challenge starts at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, where shuttles to other hotels will be available. Riders and their friends and families can enjoy demonstrations, view cycling apparel and accessories, and even warm-up with a massage.

Most riders will probably be in bed by 9:30 p.m., to be ready for the following day's ride to The Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Bourne at Cape Cod.

There are different routes to choose from, but the day-one finish line at The Massachusetts Maritime Academy is the same for all riders. The day-two finish is The Provincetown Inn in Provincetown, at the tip of the Cape.

Along all routes, mechanical and medical support is readily available. Vans patrol the route, assisting riders in need. Approximately every 20 miles along the route are waterstops, with fruit, snacks, bathrooms, and entertainment.

The "Road Runners"...

Indispensable to this event are the "Road Runners," who help transport luggage, load trucks, set up tables, and put up signs, fill water bottles, do wake up calls, help riders, find their bikes in the early morning darkness, and leave the sites spotless when they are done. These are often young people helping a parent ride the miles. According to Al Cote, Pan-Massachusetts Challenge director of admissions, "We would be at a real loss with the 'Road Runners.'"

Riders rendezvous in Bourne, sleep over, and can grab breakfast at 4:30 a.m. and see the sunrise. While there is no official start time, riders leaving before 5:15 a.m. will not have the benefit of any road crews (who do not begin their work until after 5:15 a.m.). From Bourne, the riders will travel to The Provincetown Inn. After a food buffet and a tour of Provincetown, the riders can board a bus or ferry for the trip home.

Since 1990, the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge has donated at least 90 percent of rider-raised funds to The Jimmy Fund. More than 80 percent of these riders are close to someone who has battled cancer. Steve is no exception. "Each year, I try to dedicate the ride to either a survivor or a person who has lost their life to cancer," he explains. "In 1996, I dedicated the ride to Katelyn Battista, the little West Springfield girl who lost her life to cancer."

When asked what motivates him to give so much of himself to this cause, he states, "I feel I am physically able, and this is a great way to bring friends and co-workers in on a special mission. I just tell the story and people donate, because more everyone's life has been touched by cancer. Many of my ride's dedications were to relatives of co-workers. Even a few friends at work have battled cancer."

Steve's passion to annihilate this disease explodes through his riding. Last year was the only Pan-Massachusetts he missed since his first one in 1987. Steve's dad had lost the fight against cancer, and Steve rode in the Race Across America, a 2,700-mile course from Irvine, California, to Savannah, Georgia. This is a team event which he completed with WHYN-FM's "Morning Show" co-host Dan Williams, completing the run

in seven days and 13 hours. They raised over \$50,000 from this marathon to help obliterate cancer through the research done at Dana Farber.

Steve and Dan Williams rode together cross-country to benefit The Jimmy Fund before (in 1996) by raising \$50,000 to help children with cancer. They ended their trek at Fenway Park and joined former Red Sox pitcher Jamie Boyer to present the check before that day's game against the Baltimore Orioles. Boston's old Boston Braves and the Red Sox teamed up with The Jimmy Fund in 1948. In fact, the fund was named for one of Dr. Sidney Farber's young patients whose favorite team was the Braves.

About 50 Riders From W. Massachusetts...

Steve estimates that about 50 riders from Western Massachusetts will join in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, but people come from all over for the event, even Pennsylvania, California, and New York, as well as all over New England.

As Steve describes the pride and dedication in riding to raise funding for cancer research, he sees a familiar face belonging to another rider, Richard Gloster, owner of Alvin's Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension in Agawam. Gloster rode in four PMC's, but had to skip the past couple of years. "I hope to ride next year, though, because the ride is one of the most thrilling events I have even been in, and I have made friends for life while helping a really special cause," Rich told us.

Steve and Rich laugh when they review an old article from an *Agawam Advertiser News* that reported the 1988 Pan-Massachusetts Challenge and gave \$800,000 for the total raised as of that year. "Remember that? Only \$800,000," they both said.

Steve depicts the progress in the fight against cancer in these words: "When we did the ride in 1997, the odds of surviving cancer were one in three. Today, the odds are two out of three."

Steve works for the United States Postal Service as a Customer Service Manager and is married to a physical therapist assistant who works for Health South. His wife was part of the support team in the 1996 PMC and sometimes rides with Steve as he trains. "A rider really needs the support of family and friends," he said. "We have to build a 'mileage foundation,' be in physical condition to take on a riding event such as the PMC."

"As an illustration, I consume from 16,000 to 18,000 calories a day in an event like the Race Across America. We ride at an anaerobic pace for 15 minutes, then refuel, rehydrate for 15 minutes, and then we go back out for 15 minutes. We rotate with the two other riders. And even on days when I am just riding for pleasure, I drink three gallons of water a day," he explains.

Steve is a former hockey player and runner, but when his knees became "not good," he began riding. He really got "hooked" in 1984 and loves it so much, the bike he bought new last year shows 14,000 miles on its odometer.

After this weekend, he will have added a few hundred more miles and will have helped a few thousand riders help hundreds of thousands of other folks through cancer research, The Jimmy Fund, and the Dana Farber Cancer Research Institute.

Steve does want to stress that the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge is not a race — it is an event.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 12, 1999 at 7:20 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Palazzi for work

to be performed on Barry Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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Council Asks State Highway Dept. To Pony Up Funds For Riverwalk & Bikeway

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The design plans are complete and surveys of town residents show overwhelming support for a multi-use biking and hiking trail along River Road on land formerly owned by Hampden County.

All that's needed now is for the Massachusetts Highway Department to appropriate the state's share of the funding to construct the 1.5 mile linear park known as the Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway on River Road adjacent to the river.

In 1996, the Town of Agawam through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission was successful in obtaining a federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act (ISTEA) grant to pay for the construction of the Agawam portion of the Riverwalk. This will ultimately link five riverfront communities with a multi-use trail designed to offer recreational opportunities to walkers, cyclist, skaters, and people in wheelchairs.

The first section slated for construction, the section along River Road from the South End Bridge to Borgatti Park, was expected to be completed in 1998.

But the state has not released the funds to build the multi-use trail.

At this past Monday night's meeting, Town Council voted a unanimous 9-0 petition the state to appropriate the funds and to take the necessary steps to commence the construction of the Riverwalk without further delay.

Councilors Robert Young and George Bitzas were absent due to business obligations and vacation, respectively.

Council Clerk Ursula Retzler will send a copy of the council resolution to State Senator Linda J. Melconian and State Representative Daniel F. Keenan, as well as to Governor A. Paul Cellucci.

Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos said funding for Agawam's share of the construction costs (10 percent of the total cost) has been included in the town's capital improvement plan for several years.

The hold-up has been getting the state to release its share of the funds.

In June, Ms. Dachos sent a mailing to neighbors of the bike path asking them to contact Agawam's local legislative delegation and urged them to lobby for the release of the necessary state funds for the project.

Residents' Input Critical

In her letter to town residents, Ms. Dachos said, "It is now critical that residents who support the Riverwalk inform both Senator Melconian and Representative Keenan of their support...It is important that the senator and representative receive your letters immediately since the legislature is presently acting on the budget."

Since then, Ms. Dachos has received no concrete information regarding the project's progress from the state (other than copies of the letters sent from Melconian's and Keenan's offices to town residents acknowledging their letters of support for the project).

"The only information I have received from MassHighway is that the project is not dead," Ms. Dachos said. "People can come in to our office to get copies of the letter we sent to neighbors of the trail to send to our local legislators. From the number of people who have already come in to get the letters, I'm assuming Senator Melconian and Representative Keenan have gotten a fair share of support for the project."

According to Ms. Dachos, the results of a 1999 survey of town residents to gather their wishes for

updating the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan mirrored the results of the survey conducted in 1993.

While the 1993 survey was much smaller in scope, it was done as a scientifically valid telephone survey which found 51 percent of respondents in favor of creating biking trails. Other needs for improving the town's recreational facilities identified in 1993 included playgrounds and a youth center.

More than 300 town residents responded to the 1999 survey published in *The Agawam Advertiser News* and sent home with elementary school children. The latest survey was also available at the Senior Center.

The latest data collected by the Planning Department indicates that 43 percent of respondents favor the creation of bike trails. Soccer, baseball, and football fields were identified as a priority by 65 percent of respondents; 61 percent want to see more neighborhood parks; 67 percent feel there is a need for more children's play areas, Ms. Dachos said.

The town is required by the state to review and amend its Open Space and Recreation Plan every five years, a process which will result in a series of public meetings in the fall.

"We'd like to have our plan in to the state by January," Ms. Dachos said.

Eventually, the RiverWalk is slated to run from Longmeadow to Chicopee and will pass through Agawam, West Springfield, and Springfield in an 18.6-mile trail with an estimated price tag of \$10.4 million.

For more information, contact Ms. Dachos at 786-0400, ext. 283.

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On Country Road...

Residents Want Town To Take Ownership Of Street & Sidewalks

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Like taxpayers everywhere, the people living on Country Road expect to pay their fair share of the costs of local government and they expect their fair share of services in return. But, the 38 neighbors who signed a petition presented to Town Council on Monday night are finding themselves between the proverbial rock and a hard place, and they want the council's help in solving the dilemma.

The problem is that these 38 homeowners live on Country Road, a street that was never officially accepted as a public way by the town. And that means that they pay the same property tax rate as homeowners living on public ways, but they are not eligible to have their sidewalks rebuilt or their road resurfaced by the town Department of Public Works.

Representing their neighborhood at Town Council, George Hudson and Raymond Provost submitted their petition to have the street recognized as a public way in order to qualify for much-needed sidewalk and road repairs. In addition to the signed petition, photographs showing the deteriorated condition of the sidewalks were passed along the council table for the councilors to see for themselves the kinds of problems the neighbors deal with every day trying to navigate the bumpy and uneven surface of the sidewalks.

After making seven or eight visits to the DPW office, Hudson said he was told that Country Road is not a public way and that other projects would receive priority.

"All the neighbors agree that this is a safety and liability issue that concerns everybody," Hudson said. "No maintenance has been done on the street and there are concerns about the plowing in the winter."

Hudson related an incident that occurred last year involving a disabled, elderly neighbor whose motorized cart became hung up on the uneven, broken surface of the sidewalk, leaving him stranded and helpless. Hudson said it was just lucky that his wife, Nancy, and her father saw what had happened and went to their neighbor's assistance.

Both Hudson and Provost said that parents are afraid to have their children walk on the sidewalks and routinely tell their children to walk in the street where they will be safer, especially in the wintertime when the uneven surface of the sidewalks makes clearing off the ice and snow nearly impossible.

And the sidewalks aren't the only problem. The street itself is in dire need of repair, according to the two men.

Provost, who has been living on Country Road for 34 years, told the council that a pond forms in the potholes in front of his home during times of

heavy rains.

"In the past, the town has been good enough to try to fill it in, but now they've told me we need a new street," Provost said. "As taxpayers, we don't feel we should have the liability if someone falls and gets hurt on the sidewalk. It should be the town's responsibility."

Satisfied With Reception By The Councilors...

After receiving the assurances of several councilors that their situation would be looked into, Hudson and Provost said they were satisfied with the reception they received from the councilors and both expressed the hope that the council would follow through on a solution.

According to Provost, this is not the first time the neighbors have tried to have their street accepted as a public way. In 1985, former Councilor Jack Shaughnessy, then chairman of the Street Acceptance Committee, helped the neighborhood have their street inspected as the first step in the acceptance process; but, the committee never returned as promised and the neighbors never heard from the town again, Provost said.

The current chair of the Street Acceptance Committee, Councilor Nancy Thompson, promised to look into their concerns and keep them informed of progress on her committee's work in developing legislation that will allow the town to assume ownership of all unaccepted streets at one time, rather than go through a lengthy process that includes holding a public hearing for each street.

"There is a legislative process now in place and we will bring a resolution to the council in the fall asking for a special act of the legislature so that streets such as Country Road will be accepted in one fell swoop," Ms. Thompson said.

Until a city or town officially "accepts" it, a street is owned by the developer and then by the homeowners who purchase the homes. Most people probably don't know if they are living on a public way or an unaccepted street. But, it's a pretty safe bet that if your street was built after the town switched to the manager form of government in the 1970's, it was never accepted as a public way. Meaning, you own the street — and could be liable for slip and fall accidents on sidewalks and accidents that occur as a result of a defect in the roadway.

Currently, the town provides unaccepted streets with snow plowing, trash pickup, street lighting, and regular maintenance including pothole patching, sealing cracks, cleaning catch basins, line painting, and sidewalk repairs.

But, the town is prevented by state law from spending public funds for major street repairs like reconstruction, resurfacing, storm drain installation, or sidewalk installation and replacement, according to town officials.

School Committee Member Teresa Kozloski Reappointed To MASC Legislative Comm.

Teresa Kozloski, a member of the Agawam School Committee, has been reappointed to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Legislative Committee.

Members of the Legislative Committee review and recommend positions on proposed legislation relating to school committees to the Association's Board of Directors.

Ms. Kozloski, a 10-year member of the School

Committee, has served as its vice chair and secretary.

MASC is a statewide not-for-profit association of local, regional, and vocational-technical school committees dedicated to serving the needs of local school districts. The mission of the Association is to ensure excellence in school committee leadership through advocacy, training, and service.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, August 12, 1999 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

near the Request for Determination of Applicability for Szyluk for property known as Lots 1, 2 and 3 Moore Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: August 5, 1999

LEGAL NOTICE

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

"Babyproofing" Your Home To Prevent Accidental Fires

The first 12 months of a baby's life is an exciting time for parents who will witness their baby's first smile, first laugh, and even its first steps. The next 12 months can be equally exciting, but also dangerous if safety isn't foremost in the parents' minds.

The Agawam Fire Department offers the following checklist to help "babyproof" your home:

1. Are matches and cigarette lighters kept out of children's reach or in a childproof container?

2. Do family members have a rule never to hold a small child while handling hot liquids, such as a cup of coffee or a pot of hot water?

3. Are hot liquids placed out of child's reach? Remember, young children will pull a tablecloth off a table.

4. Are small children not allowed to play in the kitchen? Not only could they burn themselves on a hot stove, but an adult could fall over them while removing a pan and carrying a heated substance from the stove.

5. Are electric outlet covers on all unused outlets?

6. Are electric cords in good condition and out of reach of children, especially in the teething stage?

7. Do family members know never to leave a small child unattended in the bathtub? Not only could this create a drowning problem, but a potential scald burn also.

8. Have you installed door stops and safety knobs to prevent children from opening forbidden doors? Remember to also use adaptable latches and locks for medicine cabinets and cabinets containing cleaners or other poisonous substances.

9. Additionally, consider the following:

- Every baby should be strapped in an approved infant seat when being transported in a vehicle.

- Children should also be strapped in when riding in a stroller.

- Dangerous tools should be kept out of children's reach.

- Wells, pools, and cisterns should be well-protected.

- Plastic bags should be discarded or inaccessible to small children.

- Firearms should be locked up, and ammunition should be locked away in a different location.

- More than 700 varieties of household plants and flowers are poisonous when eaten. Therefore, keep plants out of children's reach.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Fundraiser/Reception Planned by Thompson For Mayor Committee

The Thompson for Mayor Committee announces that it will host a fundraiser/reception for Nancy E. Thompson, candidate for Mayor of Agawam.

This reception will be held on Friday, August 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Oaks Banquet House on Suffield Street in Agawam. Tickets are priced at \$20 each.

Nancy E. Thompson has served as an Agawam City Councilor since 1992. She was elected Council President in 1995 and 1996. Councilor Thompson will share her vision for Agawam, issues she will address, and action plans that she will implement as the next Mayor of Agawam.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may do so by mailing a check to: Thompson Committee, 19A Mansion Woods, Agawam, MA 01001-2364.

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HMO Pull-Outs In Western Mass.

I have received a great many constituents' calls and letters concerning Harvard Pilgrim First Seniority Plan and Kaiser's withdrawal from Western Massachusetts, specifically Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties.

The root of this problem lies with the reimbursement rule that the federal government pays to health care providers under Medicare. In 1997, the federal government amended its national reimbursement rates. Western Massachusetts now receives a lower rate than the rest of the Commonwealth for its costs under Medicare. In lieu of this low rate, Harvard Pilgrim and Kaiser have chosen to discontinue coverage in our area.

The withdrawal of Harvard Pilgrim and Kaiser adversely affects numerous people in Western Massachusetts. Because Harvard Pilgrim and Kaiser are private companies, the legislature cannot mandate that they continue to provide coverage. Current HMO coverage will last through the end of 1999. The Division of Insurance has ten-

tative plans in place to conduct a special open enrollment period in late November or early December for those affected by pullouts.

On July 22nd, Health New England and Kaiser agreed to work together to transfer members of Kaiser in Massachusetts to Health New England. Enrollment will be open from any commercial employer group now covered by Kaiser. Employers whose workers are covered by Kaiser will be able to transfer enrollment to Health New England, at the latter's benefits and premium rates, as early as August 1, 1999. In a prepared statement, Peter Straley, the President and CEO of Health New England, stated, "This agreement with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan is a natural fit. Health New England is the only HMO headquartered in Western Massachusetts, and we are happy to be able to offer enrollment to so many of our neighbors in the Pioneer Valley and Berkshire County. Kaiser members will be able to take advantage of our knowledge of the area and our local service and provider network." Enrollment from Kaiser to Health New England is neither automatic nor required.

In a response to a recently implemented federal law enacted during the 1997 Balance Budget Act, SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) under the Council on Aging Division of Health and Human Services announced programs to aid senior HMO members currently facing termination notices in this difficult transition process. The SHINE Program is eager to aid those who still have questions and concerns regarding their options under these unfortunate circumstances.

"For all those being affected by Harvard Pilgrim or Kaiser's announcement to leave Hampden County, please be informed that there will be a state mandated enrollment period in the mid to late fall," Gail Noe, the SHINE Coordinator declared. "During this special open enrollment

period, all Medicare supplements and Medicare HMO's will be open to all members." It is advised that those affected by the pull-out call the doctor of their choice to make sure he or she is under contract with the HMO in the year 2000.

This recently implemented federal law has added a time period during which a Medicare beneficiary has the right to purchase a Medigap with no health screening. If you enroll in Harvard Pilgrim, Blue Care 65, or Secure Horizons when you first become eligible for Medicare at age 65 and you disenroll from the plan within 12 months, you will be guaranteed 63 days to purchase any supplement. Furthermore, if you had a Medigap (Medicare supplement), terminated the coverage, and then enrolled in Harvard Pilgrim, Blue Care 65, Secure Horizons, or Kaiser and you disenroll within 12 months of becoming a member of the HMO, you will be guaranteed 63 days to purchase a supplement.

Most importantly, those insured by Harvard Pilgrim or Kaiser that do not make a decision about new coverage by December 31, 1999 will have 63 days to purchase a supplement as of December 31, 1999.

I strongly urge all my constituents to take advantage of the helpful services offered by SHINE. In the meantime, my office will continue to monitor this issue and remains ready to help in any way possible. To learn what Medicare supplements are available and approved for sale in Massachusetts, what each plan covers, and the premium costs, it is advised that seniors make an appointment with the SHINE Counseling Program, a free service offered by the Council on Aging.

For further information and/or an appointment, please call the following numbers: Springfield - 413-827-7649 or 1-800-307-4463, Agawam - 413-786-0400, Chicopee - 413-534-3698, and Western Springfield - 413-263-3265.

'Rheault For Mayor' Headquarters To Be Located At 833 Springfield St., F.H.

Mayoral candidate and City Council President Donald Rheault announced that a site has been selected for "Rheault for Mayor" headquarters at 833 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

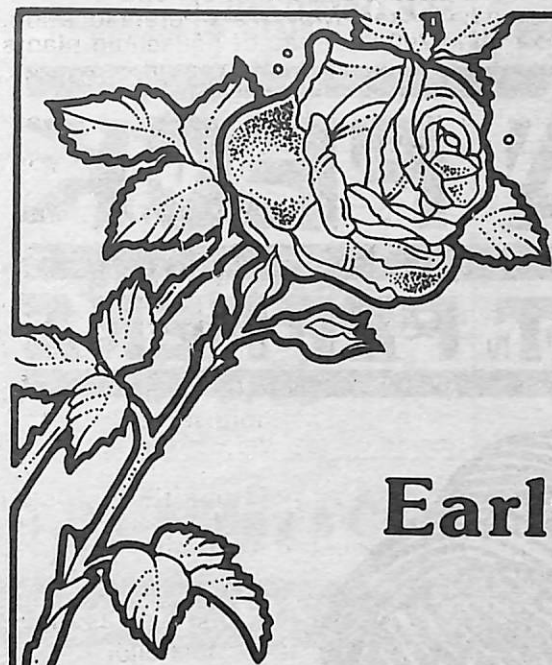
"The site is now being prepared for plenty of activity," Rheault said, "telephones, signs, banners, and other promo items are in the works."

"It should be ready to go in about two weeks," Rheault continued. "At that time, we'll announce a formal opening with phone numbers."

"I'm extremely pleased at the response so far. It is very encouraging to have so many people offer sign locations, volunteer their time, and lend financial support."

"Many continually ask how they can contribute. Contributions may be sent to the Committee to Elect Donald Rheault, P.O. Box 136, Feeding Hills, MA," Rheault said.

Volunteers may phone Korbey or Pete Clark at 786-2113, Rudy Altobelli at 786-1577, or Don Rheault at 786-4043.



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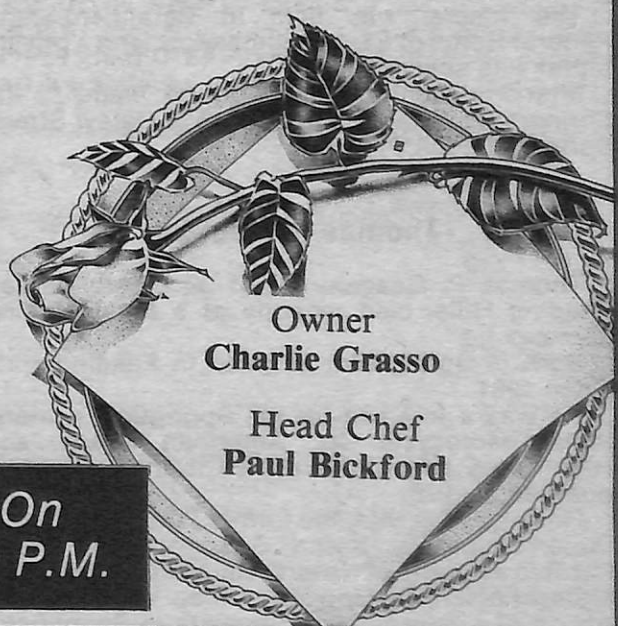
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— Agawam Obituaries —

Rev. Ettore D. Canzano

The Reverend Ettore D. Canzano, C.S.S., 77, died recently at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.

He was an assistant pastor in several parishes, including Sacred Heart of Jesus in Feeding Hills and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Pittsfield. He was also an advocate in the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Springfield.

He was in semi-retirement at Saint Joseph's Hall, Waltham, since 1994.

Born in Turrialba, Italy, he immigrated to the United States in 1929 and attended Pittsfield public schools. He later studied philosophy and theology at the Stigmatine Major Seminary, Wellesley. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1947.

He leaves a brother, Richard of Pittsfield; a sister, Doris Cowhey of Lenox; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at All Souls Church, with burial in the Stigmatine lot in Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, Milford. Bencivenga-Dagnoli Funeral Home of Pittsfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers, 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA 02452, or to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory, 359 Fenn Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Anthony J. Krzykowski

Anthony J. Krzykowski, 61, of 1014 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was the 30-year owner and operator of Tony's Esso Station in the center of Feeding Hills. He also was a mechanic for Laidlaw Bus Co. and worked at Tyco for the past five years.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam all of his life.

He was a member of the Polish Club in Feeding Hills and served with the National Guard.

His wife, the former Judith A. Vumbaco, died in May.

He leaves a son, Anthony R. of Feeding Hills; three daughters, Lynn Murphy of Agawam, Lisa Schuler of Agawam, and Laura Krzykowski of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Kathy Dunn of Florida and Elizabeth Van Dyke of Feeding Hills; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Bernice M. Lundberg

Bernice M. Lundberg, 85, of Main Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she was a lifetime resident of the area.

She was a graduate of Technical High School and American International College, both in Springfield.

She was a member of the Ahlem Temple of the Daughters of the Nile and the Melha Temple, both in Springfield, and the Rainbow Group of the former Hope Congregational Church. She also belonged to the Women's Guild of Faith United Church and the Friends of the Springfield Library.

Her husband, Howard G. Lundberg, died in 1975.

She leaves a son, James H. of Hampden; a daughter, Sally D. Lundberg of Agawam; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, and a private burial was scheduled.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Thomas P. Geagan

Thomas P. Geagan, 86, of 39 Liberty Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Feeding Hills since 1981.

He was a foreman for the Springfield Armory, Indian Motorcycle Co., American Bosch, and Hamilton Standard. He retired from Quabbin Industries in 1976.

He leaves his wife, the former Pauline Christos; three daughters, Karen Geagan of Agawam, Patricia Jennette of Navato, California, and Judith Maleschewski of Holyoke; three sisters, Ann Alison of Agawam, Mary Bonavita of Springfield,

and Irene Hine of Centerville; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Another daughter, Mary J. Hartmann, died in 1996.

A private funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Gloria Hastings

Gloria "Tiny" (Mercier) Hastings of West Springfield died recently at home.

She grew up in Springfield and also lived in Agawam, but lived most of her life in West Springfield.

She was a member of St. Theresa's Church in Agawam.

She leaves her husband of 53 years, David; a son, Mark of Vermont; a daughter, Jo-Ann of West Springfield; and two sisters, Julie (Mercadante) Fitzgerald of Fort Myers, Florida, and Sandra Magistri of Agawam.

The funeral was held at the church, and Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home of West Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the C.C.D. program at the church, 74 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

JoAnn M. Santinello

JoAnn M. Santinello, 54, of 58 Corey Colonial, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center.

She was a 27-year executive secretary for Combustion Engineers (now ABB) in Windsor, Connecticut. She retired in 1995.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam all of her life.

She was a graduate of Agawam High School and attended American International College, Springfield College, and Springfield Technical Community College.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She leaves a sister, Judy Santinello of Feeding

Hills.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with a private burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, Massachusetts Chapter, 180 Rustcraft Road, Dedham, MA 02026.

Everett V. Johnson, Sr.

Everett V. "Eggie" Johnson, Sr., 75, of 463 Cooper St., Agawam, formerly of Douglas, MA, died recently at Baystate Medical Center after a long illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred W. (Bethel) Johnson; two sons, Otis T. Johnson and Everett V. "Sonny" Johnson, Jr., both of Douglas; six daughters, Beth A. Boutiette, Verrill L. Fulone, both of Douglas, Susan F. Blum of Hudson, New Hampshire, Betty J. Garcelon of Nashua, New Hampshire, Verna L. Harding of Hyannis, MA, and Colleen Prue of Southbridge; 21 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother Chesley H. Johnson, Jr. of Millbury; many nephews and nieces.

A son, Fred B. Johnson of Douglas, died in 1983; a daughter, Carol L. Mitsin of Gorham, Maine, died in 1988; and a sister, Myrtice A. Morse, died this past February.

Born in Sutton October 9, 1923, the son of Chesley H. Sr. and Maybell (Caswell) Johnson, he lived in Agawam since 1971. Previously, he lived in Douglas 47 years.

Mr. Johnson was a project coordinator for M.C.D.I. in Springfield since 1986. He was an Excess Government Property Screening Agent for H.C.E.T.C. in Springfield and coordinated the "Clean City" summer youth groups. He also worked as Coordinator of Occupational Programs for Hampden District Regional Skills Center in Springfield from 1975 to 1981.

Mr. Johnson was also an instructor and director in auto body restoration at United Technical Schools in Springfield and at Osborne State Prison in Enfield, CT. He previously owned and operated Johnson Motors in Douglas for 30 years.

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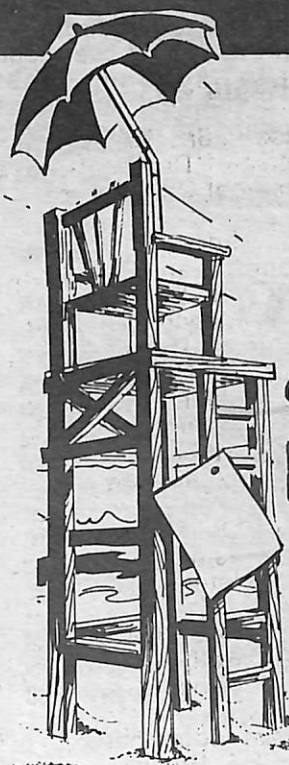


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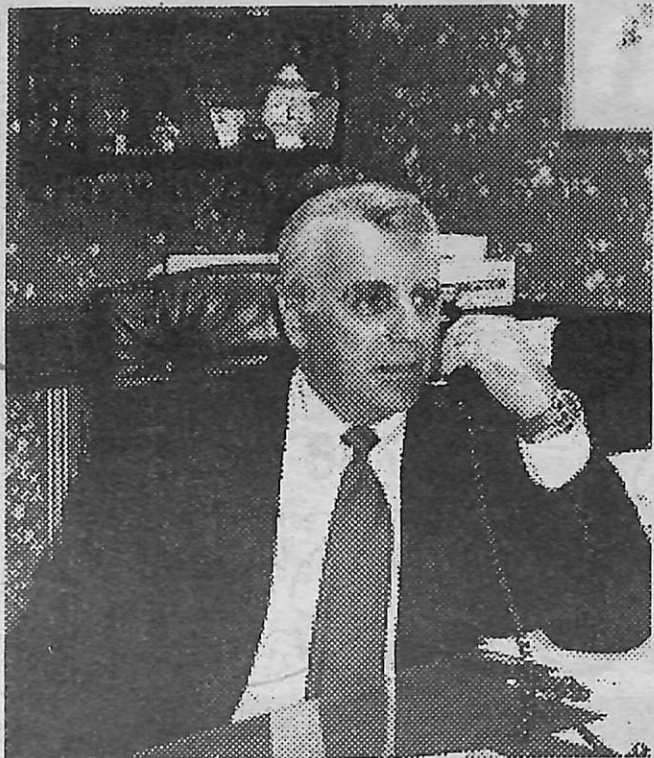
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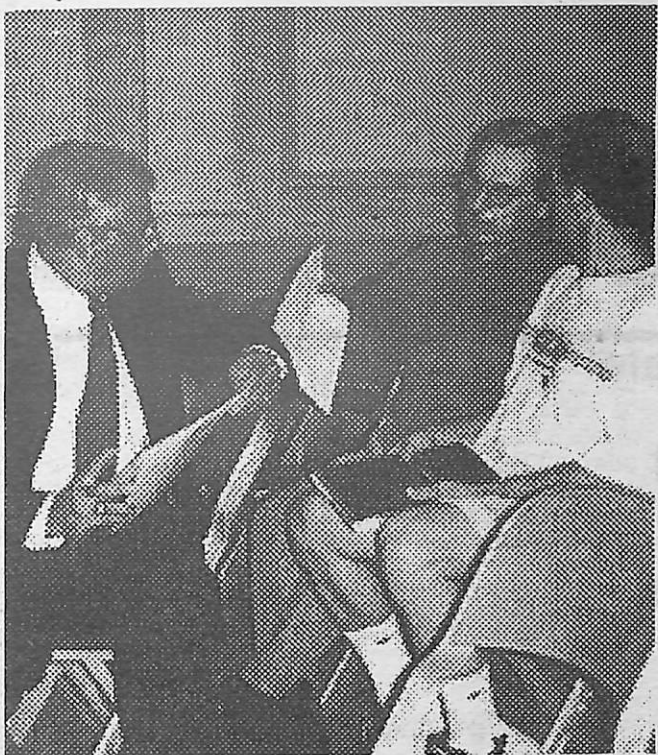
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IN TOP PHOTO: Mayoral candidate Abe Kasparian at his office in Agawam, preparing to speak to the City Council. IN PHOTO BELOW: Kasparian meeting with residents of Country Road, assisting them in the procedures to address the City Council in their attempt to get their road recognized as a city road.



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He was a 1941 graduate of Douglas High School and graduated from Central Connecticut State College and Western New England College. He was a WWII U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the South Pacific aboard the USS O'Bannon 450.

He was a member of the Naval Reserve Service for 13 years and the National Guard two years. He worked with Douglas High School in drill instruction for the school band. He was a member of Joseph Michna VFW post in Douglas, the A.F. and A.M. Masonic Order in Douglas, and the Scottish Rite 32, and the Melha Shriners in Springfield.

He was a member of the Second Congregational Church in Douglas. He enjoyed horses, art, and sports.

His funeral service was held at Jackman Funeral Home in Douglas, with burial in South Douglas Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

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Westfield Bank To Be Corporate Sponsor For Spfld. Country Club's Pro Am Golf Tourney

Donald A. Williams, President of Westfield Bank, recently announced that the Bank will be the corporate sponsor for the Springfield Country Club 1999 Pro Am Golf Tournament. The two-day event will be held this year on the weekend of September 11th and 12th.

Williams noted, "We are pleased to be able to support the tournament again this year."

According to SCC Golf Professional Harry J. Mattson, Jr., "This will be the third year the Pro Am tournament will be held. We've invited professionals from all over New England to join in the event."

One-hundred sixty amateurs will team up with 40 professionals and compete for daily and

overall prizes. Teams will be randomly selected at the kick-off dinner to be held Friday, September 10th. Mattson also stated that, "Each participant will receive a commemorative gift recognizing the support provided by Westfield Bank."

Anyone wishing more information regarding this tournament may call Harry Mattson at the Springfield Country Club Pro Shop, (413) 734-5426.

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Young Ambassadors Brass Band To Perform On Aug. 8th

by Kathy Shepard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

On Sunday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m., the Young Ambassadors Brass Band of Great Britain will return for its eighth visit to Agawam. The first time they came here was in 1984, and they returned in 1987. Ever since then, the band has made the voyage to Canada and the United States every two years.

The band arrives in Canada this Saturday, August 7th and then plays in upper New York State before its sojourn first to the West Springfield Green at that town's Arts Festival for a 4:00 p.m. performance, barely having time to pack up their instruments in time to cross the river and play at 7:00 p.m. on the lawn of The Captain Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam Center.

The band members will most likely won't have the opportunity to unpack their luggage until after the two performances, as there will be little time between the two events. The 28-member band, plus Director Frank Wolff, do not actually rehearse together before the tour, playing in their home countries of Wales, Great Britain, Ireland, and Scotland with other respective bands, but not together. It is only on tour that they actually perform as a group, astounding audiences with their talent and spontaneity.

Formed In 1978

The Young Ambassadors Brass Band was formed in 1978 to provide a "bridge for brilliant young brass musicians to come together and reunite following their training at music colleges and/or national youth brass bands of Great Britain," says their 1997 concert tour brochures.

At that time, three L.P.'s had been produced as well as cassettes, both of which will hopefully be available at the performance at the Sunday evening performances at The Leonard House.

Of the current brass band, only five people have visited before, and the rest are new to this en-



DIRECTOR FRANK WOLFF with the 28-member Young Ambassadors Brass Band of Great Britain during a previous performance in West Springfield.

tourage. Originally, former Agawam High Music Director Darcy Davis saw an announcement in a music magazine about the band's need for families and their desire to play concerts. Davis liked the idea, contacted the band director, Frank Wolff, and the two worked things out.

Town residents Billie Ann and David Carpenter were one of the host families for band members during the Young Ambassadors Brass Band's first visit, and the Carpenters have continued hosting ever since. Their daughter, Diane, was in the AHS band that first year, and the concept of young people travelling to play in America intrigued them.

When Davis retired, he asked the Carpenters if they could help, and they have since taken over

the task of finding host families. "The housing of these players is the most difficult and time-consuming aspect of the project," Mrs. Carpenter admits. "It isn't easy during vacation time. It's a good thing that most people who have hosted band members before have enjoyed it so much. We find the same families hosting year after year. Most of the families hosting are from Agawam or West Springfield. One fellow who has been here before has stayed with the same family and even returned at Christmas, and they e-mail each other often, too."

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James & Helen Griffin Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

On July 11th, friends and family gathered together at the Polish American Club of Agawam, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of James & Helen Griffin.

The happy couple were wed on April 30, 1949. Although the presence of the guests was truly the best gift received, they also were most thankful for the generous donations made on their behalf to the Springfield Rescue Mission.

Three pick-up trucks filled with food was delivered to the mission. The Griffins have five children; David, Sally, Andrew, Katie, and Peter. They also have three grandchildren; Cathy, Jay, and Katelyn.

The Griffins continue to reside in Feeding Hills. Jim retired in 1982 as postmaster of West Springfield. He continues to serve the community in numerous ways. Most notable, Jim volunteers his time and talent in the Emergency Room at Baystate Medical Center.

Agawam Garden Club Slates Annual Picnic For Tues., Aug. 10th

The Agawam Garden Club will have its annual picnic on **Tuesday, August 10th** at 6:00 p.m. The picnic will be hosted by Melanie Blackak at 25 Alexander Place in Westfield.

Bring your dinner and lawn chair. Beverages and desserts will be served.

Directions from Rt. 10/202 North [College Highway] in Southwick: Pass Chuck's Steak House, left on Sunnyside, right on Hillside, left on Alexander Place.

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Whether you are new to gardening or a seasoned pro, this is a great chance to mingle with others who share the love of gardening. Guests and new members are always welcome. Guest fee is \$1.

"First Time Bus Riders Program" To Be Held On Wed., August 25th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is once again sponsoring the "First Time Bus Riders Program" on Wednesday, August 25th at 9:30 a.m., at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

The program features the "Safety Bug" and is designed for Agawam and Feeding Hills children who will be taking a school bus for the first time this year.

Registration and information is available at the Agawam Public Library or you can call 789-1550. Parking is available at the Agawam High School circle.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, Junior Membership.

Best local news...

From Hampden County Improvement League

4-H Scholarship Fund Receives Grant For \$1,000

The 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund has received a \$1,000 grant from the Hampden County Improvement League. The League is a long-established organization that promotes agriculture within Hampden County through education, scholarships, grants, and support of 4-H.

The 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund honors past members, volunteers, and leaders of 4-H. The family of A. Scott Phillips of East Longmeadow originally established the 4-H Memorial Scholarship in memory of Mr. Phillips' many years of service to 4-H. Mr. Phillips was an enthusiastic 4-H volunteer, leading clubs in poultry, rabbit, dog obedience, and photography.

He encouraged youth to take responsibility, set goals, and work constructively to attain them. He inspired children to do their best and sent many of his club members on to Eastern States Exposition and National 4-H events.

The Hampden County Improvement League has made additional contributions to the 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund in remembrance of Albert Christopher of Agawam, Marti and Dexter Hierschie of Ludlow, Phyllis Potter of Wales, Molly Higgins of South Hadley, and Thomas Hierschie of Ludlow.

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A Real Learning Experience

The Carpenters enjoy hosting as well as placing the guests and have learned how different varying cultures can be. "One time at breakfast, I offered a visiting couple some pancakes. 'Oh, my goodness - pancakes for breakfast,' the girl cried. 'We only have pancakes back home on Pancake Day.' I never heard of Pancake Day, but I was glad to give them the pancakes," she laughed.

The band members will meet their host families at The Leonard House after arriving, driven by Morgan Bus Company with Cliff Langford (from England), who has also driven for the high school band. After playing the two concerts on Sunday, the band members will be with their host families and Monday morning is free time.

They will then depart from Agawam soon after 2:00 p.m., heading for Warren, Massachusetts, to give a concert there. They will then return to Agawam to stay one more night, and on Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m., they leave for Lake George and the remainder of their tour.

This is an exceptional band and these young people have come a long way from home. It is hoped that there will be a large turnout at The Leonard House to give a warm welcome to The Young Ambassadors Brass Band of Great Britain and to enjoy their particularly talented and high-spirited performance.

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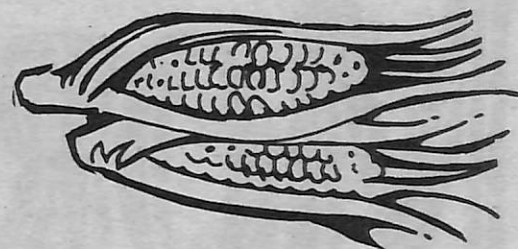
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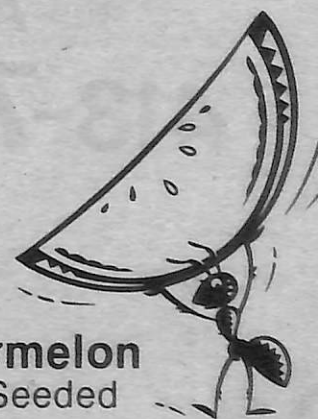
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Safford Family Reunion At Polish Club



THE SAFFORD FAMILY REUNION took place on Saturday, July 17th, at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Yes, it was a hot one, but everyone stayed cool with the help of a sprinkler and water balloon activities. The 11 Safford children — Winifred, Harriett, Clifton, Everett, Donald, Alice, Elizabeth, Althea, Emma, Douglas, and Stewart — are originally from Agawam, and Emma and Stewart still call Agawam home. The last reunion took place 15 years ago in October of 1984 on Leonard Street in Agawam. It took the family a while to get back together, and there have been a lot of family changes. About 130 people were in attendance, and they came from California, Connecticut, Illinois, New York, and many other places. Anyone considering having a reunion should definitely pursue it, but Dawn Fleury (this reunion's coordinator) says a 15-year interval is about the right amount of time to give the planner time to recover. Pictured above are the Safford family descendants.

Feeding Hills Youths To Participate In 4-H Beef Show At Big E

Several local youths will participate in one of Eastern States Exposition's prestigious 4-H shows held during The Big E in West Springfield.

They have entered Polled Hereford steers for show and competition in the 1999 New England 4-H Beef Show, which will take place September 24th-27th.

Derrick Turnbull, 17, and Katie Turnbull, 16, of Autumn Mist Farm in Feeding Hills have each entered two steers.

The 78th edition of The Big E will be held September 17th-October 3rd. During its 17-day run, 500 youngsters from New England will exhibit more than 1,000 animals in 4-H and youth livestock programs, competing for ribbons, awards, and cash prizes.

As one of the largest agricultural shows in the East, The Big E's open livestock shows draw an additional 5,000 entries from the U.S. and Canada. The fair's 4-H/FFA Day is Saturday, September 18th. Massachusetts Day is Thursday, September 23rd.

The White House Replica, brought to you by Sears, is the fair's premier exhibit of 1999. Authentic to the tiniest detail, the 60-ft. by 20-ft. rendition of the First Family's residence is an elaborate marvel created by the "King of Miniatures," John Zweifel. Complete with Rose Garden and South Portico entryway, The White House Replica has appeared in Europe and Japan, at the Reagan and Kennedy Libraries, and at the Smithsonian Institution.

Three weekends of world-class acts on the Mohegan Sun Stage highlight a fabulous free entertainment lineup. Music stars include Chris Ledoux (Sept. 17th), Monica (Sept. 18th), Jo Dee Messina (Sept. 19th), Johnny Rivers (Sept. 25th), and Deana Carter (Sept. 26th). On the final weekend, the Big Bad Voodoo Daddy swing band (Oct. 2nd) and Trisha Yearwood (Oct. 3rd) will bring a memorable close to the fair.

The majesty and power of heavy horse teams will reign Sept. 30th-Oct. 3rd at The Big E Draft Horse Show, featuring the North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series 1999 Championship Finals. Also in the Coliseum and sponsored by Budweiser is the fabled Eastern States Exposition Horse Show (Sept. 16th-19th). Horse Pulling (Sept. 27th) and Oxen Pulling (Sept. 28th-29th) will conclude with the Canadian-USA Ox Haul Challenge. The Two Hemispheres Wagon, pulled by the immense 16-horse Belgian Hitch, sponsored by Discover Platinum Card, will appear daily in The Big E Grande Parade, sponsored by Stop & Shop.

Everyone enters The Big E on Opening Day for \$6. Thereafter, adult admission is just \$10, children six-12 enter for \$6, and tots five and under enter free. The new Value Pass gives unlimited admission on all 17 days for just \$24.95 for adults and \$14.95 for children six-12.

After 5:00 p.m. (Mon. through Thurs.), admission is \$8. Two Day Passes are \$16. Admission on two special days (Sept. 21st and 28th) is \$8 for seniors and AARP members. Tuesdays after 5:00 p.m. are McDonald's Fun Nights, with gate admission and ride all rides for \$15 with McDonald's coupon. For more facts, call (413) 737-2443 or visit online at www.thebige.com.

John D. Pond Descendants Gather At Agawam Homestead For Reunion

A record-breaking crowd of 97 people gathered at the Pond family homestead on Main Street, Saturday, July 31st, amid sizzling temperatures and high humidity.

All were descendants of John D. Pond, who purchased the modest home in 1912, and had 10 children. Attendees ranged in age from one to 89 and came from Florida, Vermont, upstate New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, Cape Cod, Sunderland, and Springfield, MA. The last such reunion was in 1995, with 82 people.

The two remaining "children" who grew up in the house both attended with their wives. Clifford, who now winters in Lakeland, Florida and summers in Clinton, New York, was the owner of the former Pond Real Estate and Insurance on Main St., the building which was taken down to make way for the town's newest fire station. Everett, of Pinellas Park, Florida, is a former owner of Pond-Ekberg Printing Company when it was located on Andrews St., Springfield.

Raymond and Debora Pond, who now live in the

home, hosted the family picnic. Marilyn Pond Haynes, now of Wilbraham, was in charge of invitations.

The largest representation was the family of Gladys Pond Havens, with 35 in attendance, all wearing light blue t-shirts. Everett Havens is publishing an update of the family genealogy, "Whence & Whither," first compiled by Cordelia Sargent Pond, wife of John Dudley Pond, in 1937, and revised in 1979.

Others attending with their children and grandchildren were Nancy Pond Hastings of Orleans, MA; Mary Pond Lynn of Fort Washington, MA; Shirley Pond Tower, of Sunderland, MA; Carol Cavicchi Avery of Edgewater, Florida and Agawam; Barbara Cavicchi Waters of Milford, Connecticut; Gail Cavicchi Dublan of Daytona Beach, Florida; Quentin Faulkner of Boston; Karen Faulkner of Philadelphia; Lynne Faulkner Holton of Essex, Mass.; Robert Pond of Brattleboro, Vermont; Kathy Pond Foccosi and David Pond of Springfield, MA.

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Agawam UNICO Plans 37th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will be holding its 37th annual Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, August 22nd, once again at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

The Bar-B-Que will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the pavilion of the Polish Club. The cost for this year's meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

As in past years, there will be chicken, french fries, salad, corn, fruit drink, coffee, and watermelon.

All proceeds from the Bar-B-Que will be used to benefit Agawam UNICO and its many charitable activities. Agawam UNICO is well-known for its commitment to the community and the residents of Agawam.

Agawam UNICO continually provides scholarships as well as helping Agawam's mentally and physically challenged citizens. The organization is also known for its contributions to the many student and civic activities throughout the community.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets can obtain them from any UNICO member or at the door. This year's Bar-B-Que is being co-chaired by Frank M. Morassi and Ron Lalancette.

Winners Announced For Summer Safety Poster Contest

The Agawam SALT COUNCIL (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together), in cooperation with Westfield Bank, Agawam Rotary Club, the Agawam Public Schools, and the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, sponsored a summer safety poster contest.

This year, children in grades three, four, five, and six were invited to create summer safety posters. This year's theme was "Have A Safe Summer By Remembering This Number, 911!"

Matthew Zordani was the first-place winner in the fifth-/sixth-grade group, and Laura D'Angelo was the first-place winner for the third-/fourth-grade group. The runners-up were Jessica Szczepanek, Sandra Babbins, Hilary Purrington, and Andrea Simmons.

Donna Kennedy, the manager of Westfield Bank's Agawam branch, awarded U.S. savings bond certificates to all of the winners at the July 24th "Community Concert" at the Veterans' Green.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, August 9th: American chop suey, tossed salad, Vienna bread, plum.

Tuesday, August 10th: Chicken cutlet on a roll with lettuce and tomato, potato puffs, brownie.

Wednesday, August 11th: Stuffed peppers, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, rye bread, ice cream.

Thursday, August 12th: Salisbury steak, buttered noodles, green beans, whole wheat bread, tropical fruit.

Friday, August 13th: Baked macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn muffins, peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)



PREPARING FOR UNICO'S 37th annual Chicken Bar-B-Que (from left to right): Frank Morassi (co-chairman), Sal Morassi, Jr., Art Chase, Ron Lalancette (co-chairman), Dennis Marchetto, and Sal Morassi, Sr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BACK ROW: Agawam SALT COUNCIL members Rev. Curt Fuller, Madonna McKinley, and Jessie Fuller with Donna Kennedy, manager of Westfield Bank's Agawam branch. FRONT ROW: The winners of the summer safety poster contest — Andrea Simmons, Laura D'Angelo, Jessica Szczepanek, Hilary Purrington, Matthew Zordani, and Sandra Babbins.

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Terri Marie Cimaroli Becomes Bride Of James Drew Creeden

Terri Marie Cimaroli of Piscataway, New Jersey, the daughter of Elena & Donald Wells of Feeding Hills and Joseph Cimaroli of Westfield, became the bride of James Drew Creeden, also of Piscataway, on Saturday, June 19, 1999.

The bridegroom is the son of Thomas & Kathleen Creeden of Parsippany, New Jersey.

The ceremony took place at Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield and was officiated by Reverend David Joyce. Serving the bride as matron of honor was Tracy Kapantois, sister of the bride. Thomas Creeden, father of the groom, was best man.

The bride, a graduate of Agawam High School, received her bachelor of arts degree in biology from Rutgers University and a master of science degree in human genetics from Sarah Lawrence College. She is presently employed full-time as a genetic counselor at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Parsippany High School, received his bachelor of arts degree in biochemistry and German at Rutgers University and his PH.D. in toxicology at Rutgers. He is presently pursuing his M.D. at the University of Medicine & Dentistry from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

After a reception held at the Yankee Pedlar Inn in Holyoke, the couple was honeymooning in the British Virgin Islands.

Happy "Campers" At Heritage Hall



YOUNGSTERS AND THE YOUNG-AT-HEART recently participated in the 1999 "Seniors And Sprouts Summer Camp" at Heritage Hall's West Building. This camp enabled its participants to enjoy activities that appeal to all ages. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Kick-Off Parade Part Of Stanley Park's 50th Anniversary Celebration

A Kick-Off Parade is planned for Saturday, August 14th at 11:00 a.m. as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of The Stanley Park of Westfield.

Groups and individuals of all ages and interests are encouraged to participate in the parade, which will assemble at 9:00 a.m. at Highland School on Western Avenue. The parade will then travel down Western Avenue, through the park's Main Gate, end up on the Recreation Field, where day-long festivities and activities are scheduled.

"This is an opportunity for everyone to be a part of Stanley Park's 50th Anniversary Year," said Mark Lavoie, Executive Director of the park. The parade will be showcasing vintage automobiles, farm equipment and implements, costumed characters, several bands, antique bicycles, trucks, and tractors.

"Some children from the Discover Westfield Children's Museum will be participating by carry-

ing a four-foot high puppets representing flowers, bugs, insects, and plants on six-foot high sticks. Other children will be moving a 30-foot-long, colorful dragon down the parade route," Lavoie continued.

Anyone of any age is encouraged to decorate and ride bicycles (a Bicycle Contest will be held with prizes for Girl and Boy categories), strollers, wagons, or other creative modes of travel. Additionally, folks are encouraged to dress in fashions from the past, present, or future. "Nothing will be too wild, zany, or bizarre," Lavoie acknowledged.

Those wanting to be a part of the formal line-up should call 568-9312 by Wednesday, August 11th. Individuals and families need only meet at the Highland School.

Details of the rest of the day's exciting free events, entertainment, and activities will be forthcoming.

For photo coverage in The AAN, please contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; however, please give him at least 48 hours' notice prior to your event.

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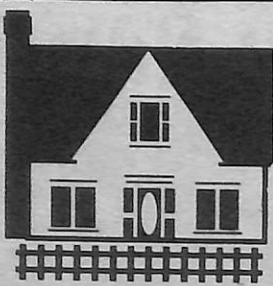
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Barbara Schaedler Enjoys Getting To The "Root" Of Her Job

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Barbara Schaedler of Riverview Avenue, Agawam is chairwoman of the Landscaping Design and Management Technology Program at Springfield Technical Community College (STCC). She purchased a house on the Connecticut River here three years ago, loves it, and intends to stay.

When STCC was looking for someone to fill the position Barbara occupies, they conducted a nationwide search and hired Barbara from New York University in Farmingdale, where she was chairwoman of the Horticulture Department.

Barbara is a very "down-to-earth" person with a keen sense of humor and good health, who could make himself at home anywhere she chose to.

In addition to her home here, she shares a home with a friend at Catchoguek, Long Island, which is also near the water. Barbara spends much of the summer there. She is the daughter of Dorothy Schaedler of Brentwood, Long Island and the late Carl Schaedler. Her family includes a sister, Carol Drew of Tampa, Florida, and a brother, Joseph, of Brentwood, Long Island. There are also two nieces and a nephew.

An Extensive Background

Barbara has an extensive background. She is a graduate of Agricultural College, State University of New York, Farmingdale, where she received an associate's degree. She earned a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture at the University of Atlanta, and a master's degree at the New School for Social Research in Manhattan.

In addition to teaching, Barbara has been a guest lecturer and public speaker. She has authored a book called "Landscape Maintenance" due to be published this month.

She became aware of the Agawam Garden Club at Eastern States Exposition two years ago. The Garden Club presented an exhibit there that piqued her curiosity, and she joined. Since then, she has hosted the local club twice at STCC's Horticulture Nursery, and shared with the members her knowledge of "Color in the Garden" as guest speaker at a meeting.

She has also been asked to address the Longmeadow Garden Club and the cancelled meeting is being rescheduled. She gave a three-year series on Landscape Design for the Federated Garden Clubs of New York and is on their state speakers' list. She recently addressed the Long Island Herb Society.

Barbara is chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of Bayard Cutting Aboretum, Oakdale, Long Island. Cutting is the name of the family to whom the 150-acre estate belonged. It is now a partnership between the trust fund and the New York Parks. Barbara oversees and approves spending of funds for pruning and planting on the property.

"This does not include the buildings," she laughed, "just the property." She has also been a regular speaker at Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, and given programs at St. Simon's Island and Sea Island, Georgia.

Another venture was hosting a television show for Cablevision. She did this for two years. Folks would phone in their gardening questions and Barbara would answer them. She would like to do something like that locally. Barbara said she was a landscape architect for the Port Authority of New York for 15 years (but you get the feeling she was omitting many of the exciting things she has done).

Fly-casting fishing is her other obsession besides gardening, and she said she has fished in such interesting places as Maine, Wales, Scotland, England, and Belgium. She doesn't ski as much as she used to, although she still likes it, she said with a grin.

Barbara can easily get over-enthusiastic about her work. She finds it an inspiration and joy to picture in her mind a landscape design, draw it, and see it planted. "Then, in a few years, you can go back and see the design in maturity."

She added that she considers herself lucky that she knew what she wanted to do at a young age, and then worked toward it.

"Your Neighbors" is a regular feature of The AAN...



BARBARA SCHAEHLER (far left) with students in the nursery at Springfield Technical Community College (STCC).



IN LEFT PHOTO: Barbara Schaedler (far right) with other faculty members at STCC. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Schaedler in the greenhouse at Springfield Technical Community College.

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We always knew it wouldn't last forever. And now we have to face it: the town's premier shutter-bug is hanging up his camera to take up the life of leisure.

Please join us in saying farewell — never good-bye — to *Agawam Advertiser News* photographer Jack Devine, "the reason you turn our pages."

A retirement party for Jack will be held at Chez Josef on Sunday, September 12th, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 per person and will include four dinner choices, dancing, and more tributes than one man has any right to ... unless that man is Jack Devine!

The social hour begins at 4:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are currently available from *The Agawam Advertiser News* (Mondays And Tuesdays), the Agawam Federal Credit Union (4 Washington Avenue Extension, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday), Brenda Theriaque (789-0721), and the Agawam Senior Center (Edythe Chiba).

DJ Tom Melbourne will provide the entertainment.

Anyone wishing to say a few words of farewell to a "town treasure" is asked to contact Kathy Cassanelli at 789-1255.

Neil & Theresa Hoss Are Proud Parents Of Baby Girl, Catherine

Neil and Theresa Hoss of Stafford Springs, Connecticut are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Charlotte Hoss, born July 21, 1999 at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford.

The baby was welcomed home by big brothers, Luke (four) and Alex (two).

Maternal grandparents are Eddie and Eleanor Vogel of Westfield and Bob and Elaine Percy of West Springfield. Paternal grandparents are William and Jean Hoss of Tolland, CT.

Pancake Breakfast Slated For Sept. 12th At The Polish Club

The Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The proceeds of the fundraiser will be used for the Children's Christmas Party hosted by the Club.

Donation is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

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Timothy And Kerry Hebert Announce Birth Of Daughter

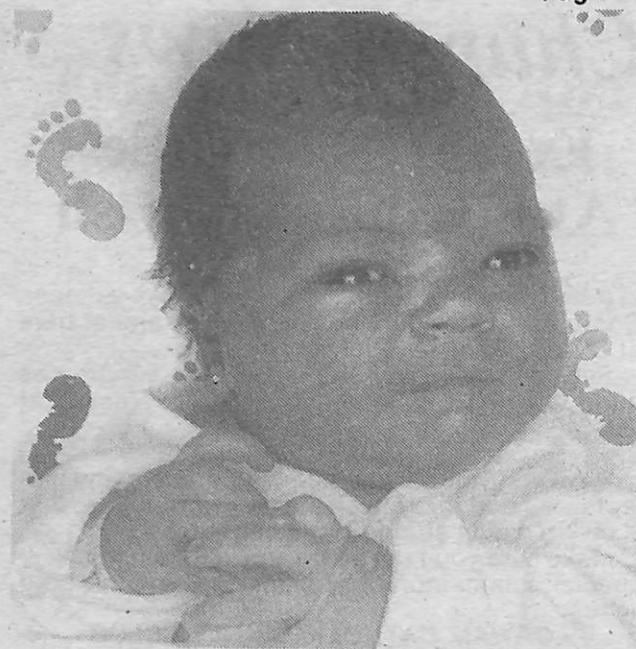
A baby girl, Caroline Leigh, was born on July 8, 1999 to Timothy (formerly of Feeding Hills) and Kerry Hebert at Women and Infants' Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island.

The Hebert family, including big sister, Kelsey, resides in Taunton, MA. Grandparents are Alfred J. and Patricia Hebert of Feeding Hills and Jeanne Campbell of Taunton.

Great-grandmother is Helen McGrady of Feeding Hills.

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Events & Activities At St. John's Parish

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If there are any adults who have not as yet been Confirmed, we will be having the Sacrament here at St. John's in October.

Sessions will be held to prepare candidates during August and September. Call the Rectory at 786-8105 to register.

JUBILEE 2000

Have you signed up yet for one of the many projects we hope to orchestrate for the "Jubilee Year 2000"? Time is slipping by rather quickly.

Make sure you take some active role in this very special commemoration of the Birth of the Lord Jesus.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

No regular meetings in July and August.

August 14th: Annual Springfield Armory Film Festival.

August 29th: Parish Picnic. Need volunteers to help clean-up.

TEEN ENCOUNTER FAREWELL REUNION

Come celebrate the past and reach to the future with us as we celebrate the closing of the Teen Encounter Program. The event is open to anyone who has ever made a Teen Encounter Weekend.

It will take place on Saturday, August 7th, here at St. John the Evangelist Church. Please RSVP if attending; call (413) 527-7387 as soon as possible. Refreshments will be served.

PARISH PICNIC

August 29th 1:00-4:00

Plans are progressing nicely for our Parish Picnic on August 29th. We will use our own St. John's Field on Leonard Street for this event.

FACE PAINTING will again be featured at the Picnic. Want to help? Call Mariann Green, the Chairman, at 786-8105.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

We are continuing our Scripture Video program twice weekly: **Monday nights** at 7:00 p.m. and **Friday mornings** at 9:10 a.m. Come join us, it doesn't hurt! There is a brief background for next Sunday's Gospel with some points of Biblical information. Quite good!

News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include a special collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry.

The lectionary readings for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost will be Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (or 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13); Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Knowing A Good Thing When We See One."

Children are invited to attend worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Members of Operation Friendship will enjoy a dinner together on Monday, August 9th, here at the church. We wish our visitors from Wales a safe return home on Tuesday.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry this Wednesday, August 11th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

On the calendar:

Sunday, August 8th: 9:30 a.m., Parish Cupboard (Open Pantry) Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, August 9th: Operation Friendship Thanksgiving Dinner.

Tuesday, August 10th: Our guests from OF depart for home; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Trustees; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

Wednesday, August 11th: Parish Cupboard desserts needed.

Thursday, August 12th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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Vacation Bible Camp At Ag. Congregational



LAST WEEK, a joint Vacation Bible Camp ("The Great Bibleland Dig") between Agawam Congregational Church and Agawam First Baptist Church was held at the Congregational Church. Pictured above are the committee members who organized this summer's camp: back row — Dan Pender, Jessica Hansen, Neal Ellsworth, and Dean Brust; front row — Adam Ellsworth, Suanne Hansen, and Laura Paul. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Weekly Calendar Of Activities At Agawam Congregational Church

This Sunday, August 8th, is the 11th Sunday after Pentecost. The Summer Worship Service will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Victim To Victor," taken from Genesis 37:1-4. His Children's Message will be "God Can Hear A Whisper!"

This week's service will feature special music, "Change My Heart, O God" and "You Are My Hiding Place," by choir members Steve, Katie, Warren, Ann, and Donna Tapply, accompanied by Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

Summer Church School continues and will be held immediately following the Children's Message. Mr. Steve Lemire will be the teacher for this Sunday.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

There will be a reception for Rev. Curt Fuller in Bryan Hall immediately following the Worship Service on Sunday, August 22nd.

Join us as we bid farewell to Rev. Fuller and his family. Rev. Fuller has accepted a call to University City United Church in San Diego, CA.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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Maybe Nervous, But Not Alone!

Have you ever felt like you were "up the creek without a paddle?" Many of us have. When that happens, we may feel like we're left all alone with our troubles. But that's not true! However, even Jesus' closest friends sometimes felt alone when troubles arose.

Jesus made the disciple get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed them, He went up the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves, because the wind was against them.

In this story, the disciples were doing what Jesus had asked them to do. However, at some point, things started to go wrong. As sometimes happens on lakes, the wind suddenly picked up and the boat was being buffeted by the waves. No doubt Jesus' friends felt alone.

Anybody who has been in a small boat under such circumstances certainly can imagine how nervous the disciples must have felt at that moment. Recently, we visited with some friends at the Otis Reservoir. They had a small paddle boat. I've always wanted to try using a paddle boat, and now this was my opportunity! Out I went, paddling away. When I got to the middle of the reservoir, suddenly the wind picked up, and the waves increased in size dramatically. I was more than a bit nervous as the water sloshed into the boat.

In contrast to the disciples, however, I knew all along that I wasn't really all alone. I am blessed with a great wife. I knew that she'd be keeping an eye out for me, and that if I really got into trouble; say, if the boat sank, she'd send out a rescue party for me, pronto! So, even though I was nervous, I didn't feel alone.

Jesus' disciples weren't alone for very long, either. **And early in the morning He came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid."**

Ironically, the disciples had just watched Jesus feed over 5,000 people with a few small morsels of food. They had just finished watching Jesus heal many sick people. And yet, when the disciples saw Jesus walking across the water towards them, **they were terrified.**

Perhaps the disciples thought, like many people think today, that miracles are for others, but not for them. Perhaps they thought, like many people do today, that there is a limit as to what God can do. Perhaps they thought, like many people do today, that "these things happen for a reason," which usually boils down to the idea that they're being punished for their sins. Perhaps the disciples, like many people do today when under stress, simply didn't think!

Whatever was going through the disciples' minds, it is apparent what was going through Jesus' mind. He saw His friends in need, and He was there to help them. He didn't chastise them for their fear. He offered them comfort and encouragement. Miracles are for everybody, even us. There is no limit to what God can do; there is no such thing as a problem that is bigger than God. God is not out to get us!

Sometimes, in our own lives, we can be going along, pretty much doing what we're supposed to be doing, and through no fault of our own, trouble of some sort arises. How do we react? Are we immediately fearful, or faithful? Do we realize that we are not really all alone, regardless of how we feel? **Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid.**

Farewell Dinner And Reception To Honor Rev. Curt Fuller

Rev. Curt D. Fuller, senior minister of Agawam Congregational Church, has accepted a call to be the pastor of the University City United Church in San Diego, CA.

He began his pastorate here in August of 1989. Rev. Fuller and the church members have built up outstanding Youth and Religious Education programs. The church is in the midst of a \$240,000 building renovation program. He has been very active in community and ecumenical activities. Curt and his wife, Louise, were very active in their sons' (Dana and Bob's) school and athletic programs.

On Saturday, August 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Agawam (in their air-conditioned hall), there will be a dinner held for Rev. Fuller and his family. A buffet dinner provided by the Purple Onion Caterers of Agawam will include kielbasa, imported ham, meatballs, baked beans, macaroni and meatsauce, potato salad, tossed garden salad, an assortment of relishes, an assorted cheese board, assorted rolls, bread and butter, coffee (Sanka), tea, or punch. Dessert will be a fruit cup or strawberry shortcake.

Limited seating is available, so buy your tickets today. See Carol Treganowan or Grace Tilden at the Coffee Hour, or stop in the church office (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon) to purchase your tickets. Reservations for the dinner close on Saturday, August 14th.

Rev. Fuller's final Worship Service will be on Sunday, August 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. His Sermon will be "God Lives In You." There will be a reception in Bryan Hall immediately following his final service to say farewell to Rev. Fuller and his family. For more information, call the church office at 786-7111.

Rev. Peter Monahan's "Reflections..." is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS.

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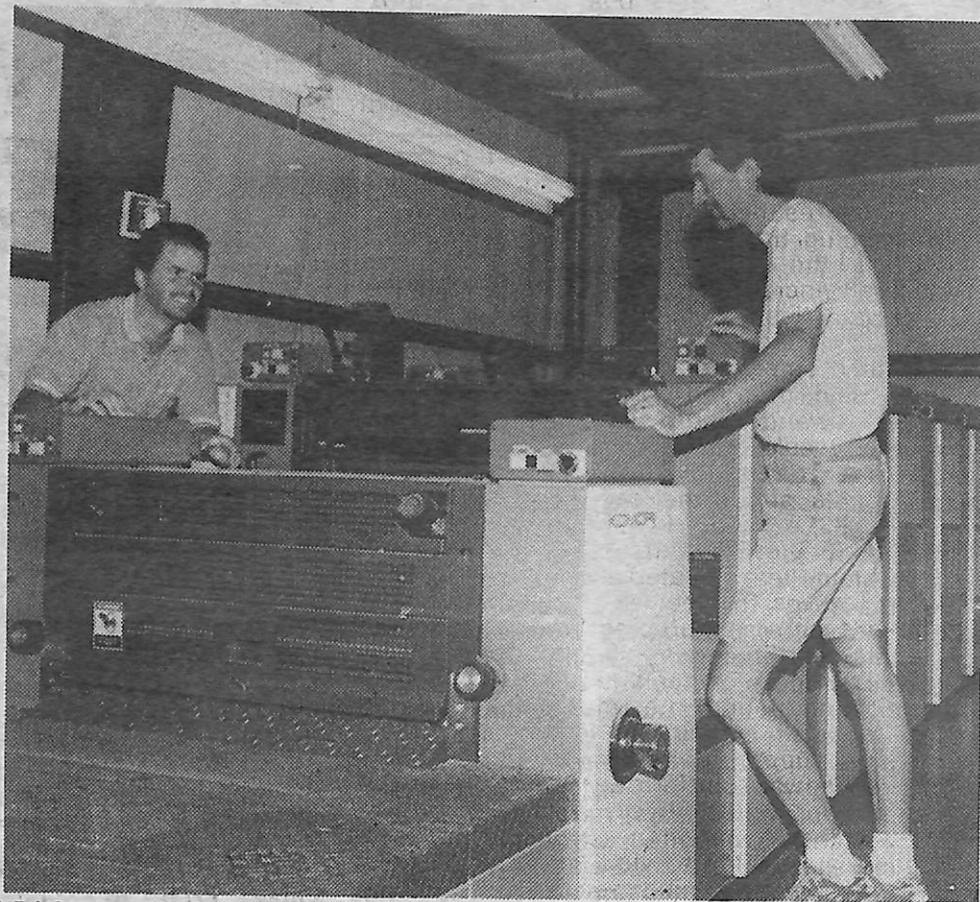
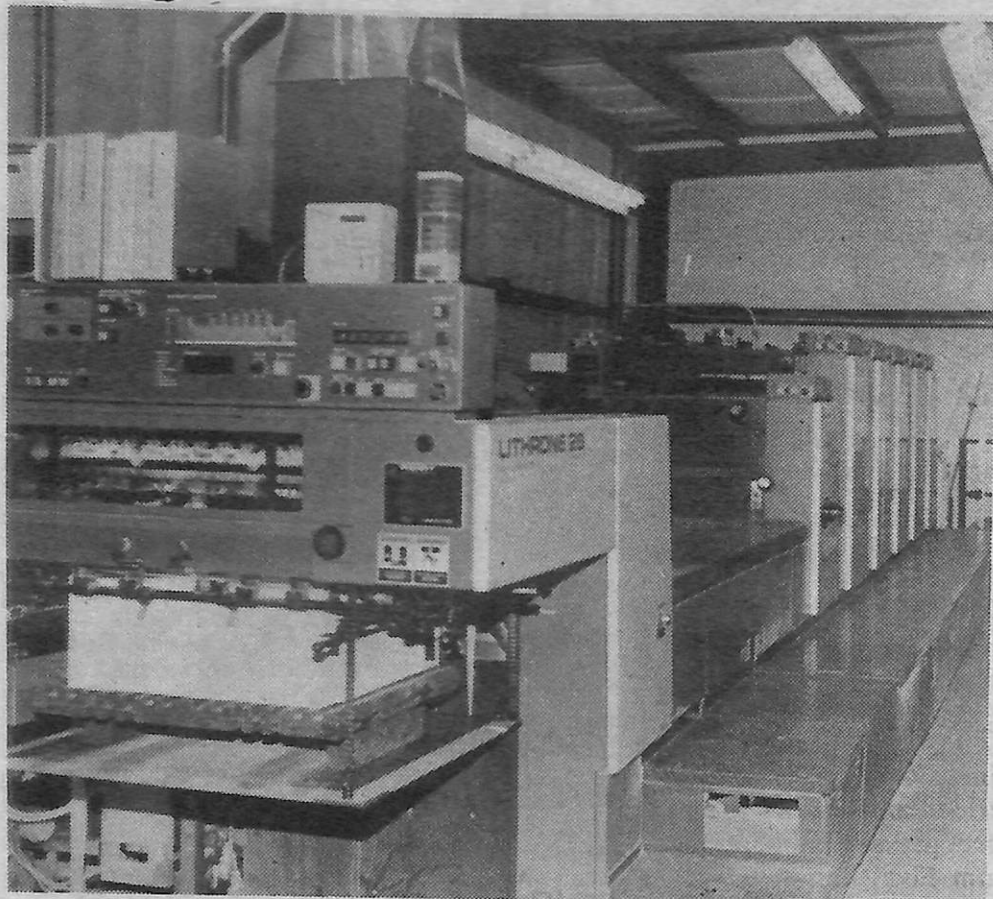
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Sunday, August 8th
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Spotlight On Business



PICTURED ABOVE IS THE state-of-the-art Komori Lithrone five-color offset printing press that was recently purchased by Millennium Press, located on Silver Street in Agawam. This press will enable Millennium Press to offer its customers the widest range of print options at the highest quality ... for less money! IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jim Sullivan (left) and Tom Regnier (right) at work on the new press. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Millennium Press On Silver Street Purchases New Printing Press

Quality and service just keep getting better at Millennium Press. As customers and area business leaders familiar with Millennium's president Jim Sullivan know, Jim and his staff of 16 go all out to deliver the best printing quality with the shortest turnaround time. In fact, there's a comfortable little couch that continues to get a great deal of wear from employees who pull double and sometimes triple shifts to get the job done.

In just a few short years, Sullivan has grown to his printing business over 300 percent, taking revenues from \$424,000 to over \$2 million.

Given their commitment to quality, Millennium Press has recently purchased the state-of-the-art Komori Lithrone five-color offset printing press with aqueous coater. This press, an investment of \$1.5 million, will enable Millennium Press to offer

customers the widest range of print options at the highest quality - *for less money!*

How is this possible? It's all about efficiency. Among the many fully automated features of Millennium's Komori press are the automated plate changer, makeready device, and automatic blanket washer. And because of these automated features, Millennium Press is able to accommodate everything from very short runs to the largest production needs with faster turnaround AND micron-order precision. These advances are what keep Millennium Press leading the race in customer service.

The crew at Millennium Press think that

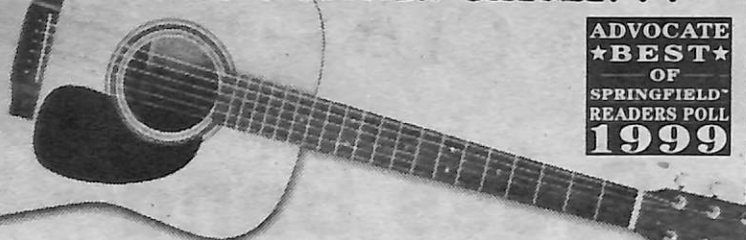
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customer service is very similar to running a race. "You've got to be better than your competitors and you have to deliver faster. The best guy out there wins the business just like the best runner wins the race," said one employee.

Several employees share a common passion with Sullivan. Many are avid runners and have put together a very symbolic event for the fall. This event is a 5K road race appropriately called "Running into the Millennium" and will benefit the Agawam Fire Department! Millennium Press would also like to thank Cheryl Pooler for her help in organizing the race.

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We walk by faith, not
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—2 Corinthians 5:7

Constructed to give people the illusion of walking on air, "The Walk of Faith" is a platform of laminated glass at the top of a 385-foot tower in Blackpool, England. An Associated Press photo showed a woman at the edge of the invisible walkway, fists clenched against her face, trying to summon the courage to take a step. She had been told the platform was safe, but she was still afraid.

Sometimes we feel that way about our circumstances. Perhaps a serious health problem has caused us to question the power and the presence of God.

It's encouraging to note that Paul's familiar words "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7) occur in his discussion about being "absent from the body and . . . present with the Lord" (v.8). He used a powerful metaphor, calling our body an earthly house that's being destroyed, yet he said we have a heavenly building made by God. He spoke of groaning in our earthly frailty and longing for our heavenly home. He concluded that no matter what circumstances we face, we should make it our goal to please the Lord (v.9).

Our walk of faith can be challenging and sometimes scary. But because God is powerful and present, we can step out in confidence today. —DCM

*The Lord wants us to walk by faith,
Because our eyes can be deceived;
And even though our path may fade,
God's Word can always be believed. —Sper*

IT IS BETTER TO WALK WITH GOD BY FAITH
THAN TO GO ALONE BY SIGHT.

Spotlight On Business - continued...

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Proceeds from Running into the Millennium will allow the Agawam Fire Department to purchase a new lifesaving, inflatable boat that is approximately 70 percent lighter than their current boat. This is designed for the smaller lakes and ponds in the area and will dramatically improve rescue response time as maneuverability is essential in such lifesaving actions.

While Race into the Millennium is a fun, timely title that promotes the company name, the race also symbolizes their drive and challenges involved in growing the business. With the new purchase of the Komori press, Sullivan has dramatically increased production speed and five-color capabilities. But there are other challenges involved in managing explosive growth, like keeping quality employees happy and motivated. Sullivan said that the road race was perfect because he wanted to do something fun that his employees would enjoy and would also benefit the Town of Agawam.

For details about the race, call Millennium Press at (413) 821-0028. For a tour of the Komori press, ask for Jim Sullivan.

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GIVING THEIR "STAMP" OF APPROVAL: Clerk Francine Lopes (left) and Postmaster Maureen Price (right) of the Feeding Hills Post Office present a stamp enlargement of "Aquarium Fish Stamps" to Mark Trial of Aqua Dreams on North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

F.H. Post Office Presents "Stamp" To Aqua Dreams

On July 27th, the Feeding Hills Post Office presented a stamp enlargement, "Aquarium Fish Stamps," to Aqua Dreams on North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Freshwater and marine aquarium keeping have rapidly become popular American hobbies. With recent advances, marine tanks (as depicted on these stamps) have emerged as an attractive and increasingly manageable option for fish enthusiasts on all levels. These four stamps depict a reef tank with delicate corals, sponges, life-encrusted rock, compatible fish, and other specimens that populate reefs in different parts of the world.

The "Aquarium Fish" stamps represent several unique characteristics for stamp production. They are the first U.S. stamps printed with a 650-line screen. Typically, U.S. stamps are printed with a 300-line screen.

These stamps have been produced using a totally benign adhesive, which means the adhesive is completely recyclable. Also, these stamps are produced on paper stock containing 20 percent post-consumer waste.

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Using Your Home As A Retirement Asset...

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Are you wondering how your home fits in with your retirement plans? There are many ways to put this valuable asset to work during your golden years — some you've no doubt considered and some are available thanks to new financial products or tax laws.

Consider these ideas:

Keep your home and burn the mortgage. Many Americans pay off their mortgages by the time they retire (or close to it), which gives them considerable financial flexibility. With no monthly house payments, your cost of living may decrease dramatically. That means you can maintain your current lifestyle in retirement on less income — or, if your income stays the same, you'll have more money to invest or spend.

Downsize to a smaller home and pocket the profit. Selling your home and buying a smaller, less expensive one may help you be mortgage-free even earlier (and perhaps provide you with a pocketful of cash). In addition to costing less up front, a smaller house may have lower property taxes, utility bills, repair costs, and require less work to clean and maintain.

And thanks to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, much or all of your home sale capital gain may be tax-free. Married taxpayers filing jointly can exclude up to \$500,000 in capital gains and unmarried taxpayers can exclude up to \$250,000 in capital gains when selling a home that has been their primary residence for at least two of the five years prior to the sale. The exclusion can be used on a continuing basis but not more frequently than once every two years.

Sell your house and rent. Home ownership has definite advantages, but so does renting — especially in retirement. Up front, selling and renting may provide a big, tax-free profit that you can invest and tap when you want. Renting a residence may also offer other advantages:

- Your up-front investment is much less — usually limited to a damage deposit and perhaps an extra month's rent payment.
- Your overall housing costs are fixed for the term of the lease, helping you budget for expenses.
- Time and effort to maintain a rental home is usually less than a house.
- Although you're not building equity, you won't lose it in a down real estate market.
- When your lease is up, you have more flexibility to move — without the hassle, cost, and potential delay of selling your home.

Of course, renting has disadvantages as well, including that your monthly payments aren't building equity, and you may be vulnerable to continually rising rental rates whenever you renew your lease.

Tap your home equity with a reverse mortgage. Retired homeowners who could use extra income may be able to tap their home's equity through a reverse mortgage. Available to people age 62 and older who have paid off all or most of their mortgage, reverse mortgages are a loan that provides cash based on your age and the equity in your home (the older the borrower, the larger the percentage of the home's value that can be borrowed). Lending institutions offer several types of reverse mortgage programs, the most popular being the FHA's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM).

In general the loans provide cash through either a line of credit, a lump sum, or monthly payments — and it does not have to be repaid until you no longer live in the home. Then you or your survivors can pay off the loan and keep the house or sell it for repayment.

Any proceeds above the amount needed to repay the loan remain with you or your survivors. The FHA's program, for example, will pay the lender the difference if the home's sale price isn't enough to pay off the loan.

As you can see, your home is a flexible asset in planning your retirement finances. A knowledgeable financial advisor can help you review all your options and build a strategy with your housing and other retirement goals in mind.

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COMMON SENSE

with
Raymond Rose
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Bits & Pieces (continued from last week)

Three-page estate planning. On one page, write down what you want to happen to your property. On a second page, write down what you think each heir would do with his/her inheritance. On a third sheet, write down what you would like to do with your wealth during your lifetime. Refer back to these pages when working with your estate planning professionals.

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- Make your own salad dressings and soups — you'll save up to 70 percent.

- New, easy coupon resource — the Internet. To find sites for stores in your area, travel to www.supermarkets.com. Print out the coupons you want to use or sign up to receive them weekly by E-mail.

Helpful web sites...

- www.gardenguides.com — Clear advice for growing dozens of annuals, perennials, bulbs, vegetables, and herbs.

- www.mayohealth.org — World-renowned Mayo Clinic site is packed with user-friendly information.

- www.clis.com/savvynews — Savvy Discount's simple, speedy site offers special reports about saving money on gas, long-distance phone service, medicine, and more.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...



GAIL RICHMOND-ALLEN

New Ctr. Coordinator For The Kids' Place

Gail Richmond-Allen has been named Center Coordinator of The Kids' Place, Inc. of Wilbraham, one of eight child care sites located in Greater Springfield.

Richmond-Allen has been Center Coordinator for The Kids' Place child care facility in Feeding Hills for the past year. Previously, she worked for 10 years at Springfield's Country Day School where she served as a teacher, as administrator of Country Day's after-school program and finally as director of the school.

She is a past member of the Metro East Child Care Association, the Early Childhood Advisory Board of Springfield Technical Community College, and is a member of the Agawam Community Partnership.

She has an associate's degree from North Shore Community College and is a candidate for a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts. She resides in Wilbraham.

The Kids' Place provides educational and child care facilities and programs for infants (aged one to 14 months); toddlers (15 months to 2.9 years-old); pre-schoolers (2.9 to 5 years-old); and kindergarten (five and six years-old).

There are The Kids' Place locations in East Longmeadow, Feeding Hills, Holyoke, Springfield, Westfield, West Springfield, Wilbraham, and Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Christina Doel-Welch Joins Keenan & Molta

Christina Doel-Welch has joined Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates as a full-time sales associate working out of the Springfield office, according to Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

Prior to joining COLDWELL BANKER, Doel-Welch met the Massachusetts real estate licensing requirements and recently completed Fast Start & Discover the Difference, part of the comprehensive COLDWELL BANKER training program.

"We're very happy to have Christina on our team," says Molta.

Christina is a resident of Palmer and can be reached at 413-783-2000 or 413-263-3679.

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Travel Talk...

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Southwest Airlines Comes To Hartford

Great news for the new Millennium. Southwest Airlines has decided to begin service from Bradley International Airport.

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Southwest Airlines has great service to many cities located in the United States and until now, the closest departure city was Providence, Rhode Island.

Service will begin October 31, 1999 and Southwest is accepting reservations for travel until December 6, 1999. Within the next two weeks, they will open up for the year 2000 travel. Reservations can be booked with your travel agent or by calling Southwest direct. If you are thinking of traveling this fall, make your plans now or the fares will be gone.

Don't forget our Walt Disney and Disney Cruise Line open house on Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. Come in, meet the rep, and learn all about planning your trip to Walt Disney World. Call 732-1313 to RSVP.

Are you interested in learning more about the travel industry? Why not attend our Travel School in the fall. Classes are now forming. Call for details and remember, space is limited!

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Home Sale Details...

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- The insurance company may search the title through the owner's policy of title insurance. Either the buyer's insurance company or your own may conduct this.

- The abstract is a condensed history of a title to a property and a certification by the abstractor that the history is complete and accurate.

- The certificate of title is reviewed by your attorney who searches the title and issues an opinion that the title is clear.

- In some parts of the country, the Torrens system is used as a means of registering property. At closing, the duplicate Torrens certificate of title is turned over to the buyer.

- Be prepared to convey the property with a deed — a legal document that transfers the title (or ownership rights) of the property to the new owner. Most buyers will require a general warranty deed, in which you guarantee that no one will bring a claim against the title.

For more real estate information, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

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What Causes Shoulder And Arm Pain?

The cause of many instances of shoulder or arm pain is obvious. You do something to injure the arm or shoulder and immediately feel pain. Or you begin feeling the pain a day or so later.

You may have broken a bone or dislocated your shoulder. Perhaps you strained tendons or ligaments by carrying too much weight for too long, by lifting something that was too heavy, overreaching or overexerting your arm — as when playing sports when you're out of shape — or by keeping your arm in an awkward position, or even by sleeping on the shoulder. The resulting pain may range from an annoying ache to acute pain that makes it hard for you to use the injured arm.

Fortunately, the majority of such injuries are seldom critical. But there are other, less-obvious causes of shoulder or arm pain. Each is distinguished by where it is felt, whether it comes on suddenly or over time, when it is at its worst, if the pain extends to other joints in your body, and if other symptoms — such as swelling, numbness, tingling, fever, fatigue, and insomnia — accompany the pain.

The causes of shoulder and arm pain include tendonitis, bursitis, arthritis, and gout. Such pain may also result from a reaction to medications such as penicillin, anti-anxiety drugs, and oral contraceptives. Whiplash injuries, common in auto accidents, can also cause shoulder and arm pain.

Shoulder and arm pain may be referred from some other region of the body, as when someone suffering a heart attack feels pain in the left shoulder and down the left arm. The pain may also be referred from nerves associated with the joints in the upper spine or "trigger points" in the back, which are particularly responsive to chiropractic spinal adjustments designed to treat such problems.

WHAT CAN CHIROPRACTIC DO?

Your chiropractor will examine you and conduct diagnostic tests to determine exactly what is causing your shoulder or arm pain. Because the causes and the seriousness of different conditions are so varied, it is important to pinpoint the cause and begin the most appropriate treatment. He or she will discover if your problem is mild and transitory, or serious and likely to trouble you for a long time.

A broken bone cannot be treated in the same manner as bursitis or tendonitis. Arthritis and gout call for different care than pain originating in nerves supplying the shoulder and arm. Your chiropractor will decide which treatment will be best for you and if referral to another type of doctor will be necessary.

Feel free to call our office for an appointment. We are located at 192 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam — 789-1369 or 789-1073.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

The Mouse That Roared: Health Scares On The Internet

A recent telephone survey conducted by Schwartz Pharama, Inc., and reported in the *American Journal of Public Health*, noted that approximately 29 percent of Americans have turned to the Internet for medical information — a number that, although not high compared to other media outlets, is likely to grow.

John Rener, M.C., of the National Council for Reliable Health Information, remarked, "There is a health information shock factor on the Internet because there is so much information, both good and bad, marvelous and terrible. The problem is the public can be deceived — believing that because they have seen something on the Web, it must be true. A perfect example of how the public can be misled is a recent Internet article by a Nancy Markle that has taken on the "cyberlife" of its own. The article alleges that aspartame (a sweetener found in food and beverages) causes lupus, multiple sclerosis (MS), and other diseases and conditions, none of which has any scientific validity. Highly respected health professional organizations were fraudulently associated with the story, and numerous vulnerable people were needlessly frightened by this scientifically false allegation."

One of the marvels of the Internet is that as easily as you can receive inaccurate information, you can search for and find accurate information.

If consumers were concerned about the alleged aspartame connection with MS, they could check the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation's Internet site for accurate information.

How can consumers judge the validity of information received via electronic mail or popping up in a Web search?

Ask questions. Anecdotes and one individual's personal story are not scientific evidence. Look at the source of the information. A professional medical organization is more likely to have reliable information than an unknown person or group of people.

Watch out for use of buzzwords like "conspiracy" and "poison."

Consult with your doctor, a registered dietitian, or other health professional.

Internet sources for sound nutrition and health information:

Tufts University Nutrition Navigator:
<http://navigator.tufts.edu>

The American Dietetic Association:
<http://www.eatright.org>

The International Food Information Council Foundation:
<http://ificinfo.health.org>

Medline: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/data/bases/freemedl.html>

National Institutes of Health: <http://www.nih.gov>

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration:
<http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov>

Mayo Health Oasis (of the Mayo Clinic):
<http://www.mayohealth.org>

John Hopkins Health Information: <http://www.intelihealth.com/IH/ih11H>

World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int>

Food & Agriculture Organization: <http://www.fao.org>

Government healthfinder: <http://www.healthfinder.gov>

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Mercy Hospital's Bereavement Support Group To Meet Aug. 21st

Persons who have experienced the death of a partner are invited to attend the next meeting of Mercy Hospital's bereavement support group, Saturday, August 21st.

The "Being Alone" group will meet from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department, facilitates the free meetings, which focus on issues of grief, mourning, and recovery.

Registration is required; for more information,

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Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis is a decline in the bone mass. Normally, there is a decline in bone mass after age 40 in both sexes (about two percent loss per year), but women are at a much higher risk.

Bone loss is usually greatest in the spine, hips, and ribs. Since these bones bear a great deal of weight, they are susceptible to pain, deformity, and fracture. Usually patients do not experience pain until the condition is severe. A decrease in height is evident with time.

Major risk factors for osteoporosis in women include:

- postmenopausal
- white or Asian
- premature menopause
- positive family history
- short stature and small bones
- leanness
- low calcium intake
- no pregnancy
- gastric or small bowel resection
- long-term glucocorticoid therapy
- long-term use of anticonvulsants
- hyperparathyroidism
- smoking
- heavy alcohol use

Bone is a living tissue that is constantly being rebuilt, even in adults. Along with calcium, vitamin D helps absorption of calcium.

Coffee, alcohol, and smoking cause a negative calcium balance and are associated with an increased risk of developing osteoporosis. Regular exercise reduces the risk. Physical exercise, one hour of moderate activity three times a week, has been shown to prevent bone loss and actually increase bone mass in postmenopausal women.

Soft drink consumption may be a major factor for osteoporosis as these beverages are high in phosphates and have no calcium. This leads to lower calcium levels.

Consumption of green leafy vegetables (kale, collard greens, parsley, lettuce, etc.) offers significant protection against osteoporosis. These foods are a rich source of a broad range of vitamins and minerals important to maintaining healthy bones, including calcium, vitamin K1, and boron.

Osteoporosis is a preventable illness if appropriate dietary and lifestyle measures are followed. Women of all ages, from young to old, should make building healthy and strong bones a lifelong priority. Avoid salt, sugar, protein, and soft drinks. Increase green leafy vegetables and exercise!

If you have any questions regarding osteoporosis, contact our office today. Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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You can make your lungs stronger. It is done the same way; aerobic exercise. Many people feel they could go longer if they could only breathe better. Respiratory fitness.

Insults to the respiratory system can really set you back. Smoking or being around smoke is one of the worst. You have two lungs. They branch off, then they branch off some more until you reach tiny little bronchioles that are filled with sacs called alveoli, where the oxygen transfer takes place (obviously a very explanation, folks).

Free Meetings Offered By Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Smoking and other pollutants damage and kill directly in this crucial area. Once you quit, it takes years to rebuild and, sometimes, too much damage has been done (emphysema, COPC, lung cancer).

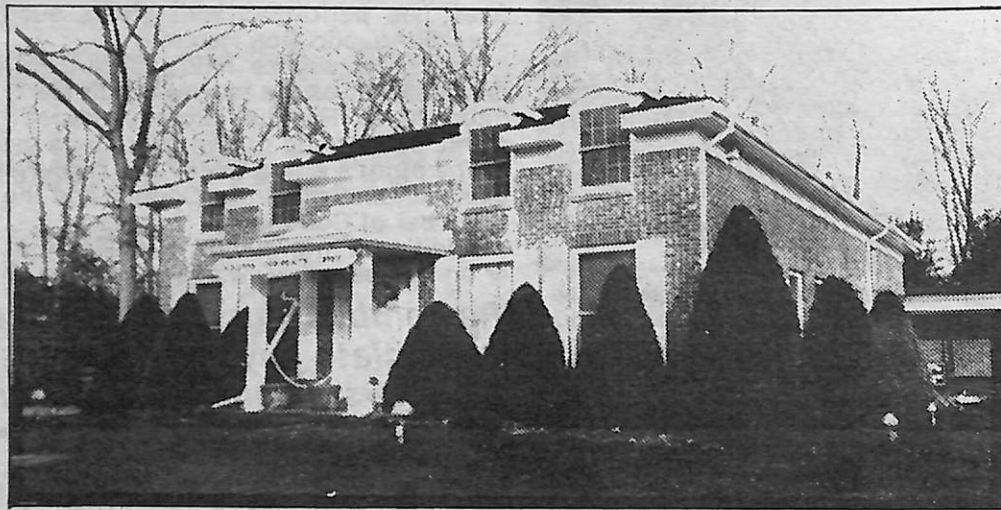
This intense heat and humidity is also a prime environment for pollutants. Air pollution includes a variety of gases and particulate that are products of human life on earth. Specifically, ozone (from car exhaust, combining with UV light); sulfur dioxide (utilities that use fossil fuel); and carbon monoxide (burning fuel, wood, and cigarettes); all this is smog.

When these concentrations are high, it has severe detrimental effects on health and performance. They effect performance by decreasing capacity for oxygen transport, increasing airway resistance, and altering perceived exertion. The effects are directly related to the dose. Pay attention to pollution levels when you workout outdoors. Don't smoke at all!!! And try to stay away from highly polluted areas like city streets and bars.

Improving your lung capacity takes aerobic exercise. Training in your target zone, staying consistent in your workout, and challenging your breathing is important. Also, every day, when you think of it, stop, take a huge, deep, long breath. Hold it for about three to five seconds, and exhale all the way until you can't blow out any more.

This exercise is also good to do after you cool down. Fill your lungs completely and exhale completely. Think of it as cleaning your equipment. It does wonders not only for your body, but it truly relaxes the spirit, as well.

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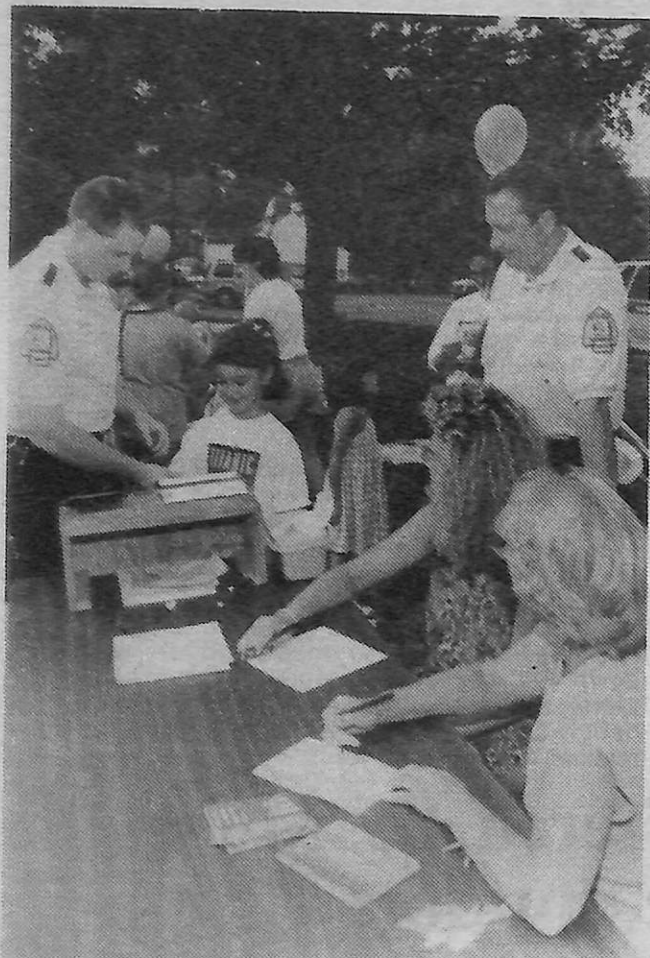
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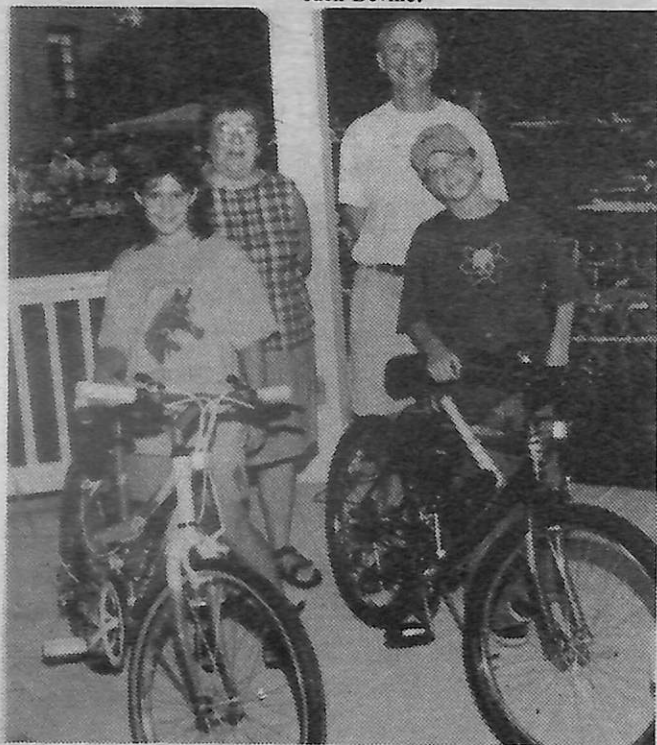


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Family Fun & "Drive-In" Movie Night In Agawam



ON SATURDAY, JULY 24TH, Riverside Park sponsored a Family Fun and "Drive-In" Movie Night on the Veterans' Green, 689 Main Street, Agawam. The evening's festivities included a juggling act and the film "E.T. - the Extra-Terrestrial." IN LEFT PHOTO: Agawam Police Officers Bob Burke and Richard Niles were on hand to provide a fingerprinting clinic for such local children as Heather Krassler (center). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Agawam Rotary Club members Rick Bellico, Jack Walsh, Dr. Buddy Denison, David DeLancey, and Christa Giannini served popcorn and other refreshments. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN Jeanne Hofmann and Agawam Rotarian Rick Bellico with bike winners Diana Moore and Jeremy Albright at the Family Fun Night. Thanks to Bellico and Riverside Park, these donated bikes were available through a raffle for the Agawam Library's Summer Reading Program participants. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sean Altman Band To Perform On Vets' Green This Saturday

Sean Altman, founder of the country's best-known a-cappella band *Rockapella*, and star of *Where in the World is Carmen San Diego?* will bring his new band from New York City to Veterans' Green on Saturday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free, and the performance is held rain or shine.

While Sean's roots are a-cappella, his new band combines great vocals with guitars and percussion to create a pure pop sound. Over the years, Sean has performed with greats such as Billy Joel, Sting, and Don Henley.

The show will be followed by a "drive-style" presentation of the movie *Jurassic Park*, which is rated PG-13. Families are encouraged to pack a picnic basket and to bring citronella candles.

The night's entertainment is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

Additional information is available at 789-7393 or on the web at www.agawamcc.org.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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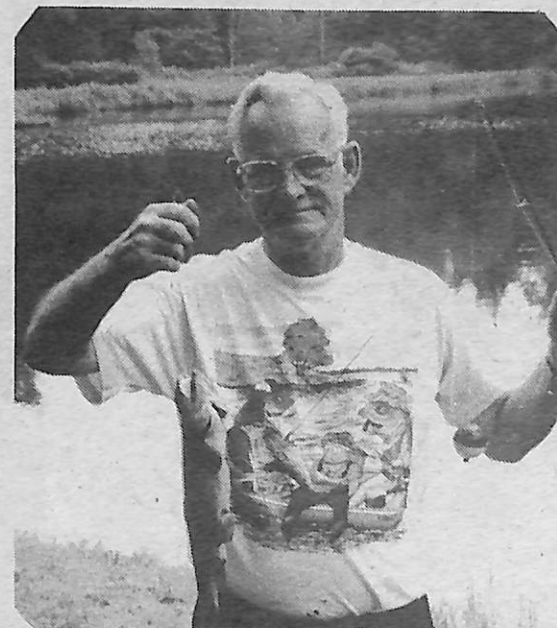
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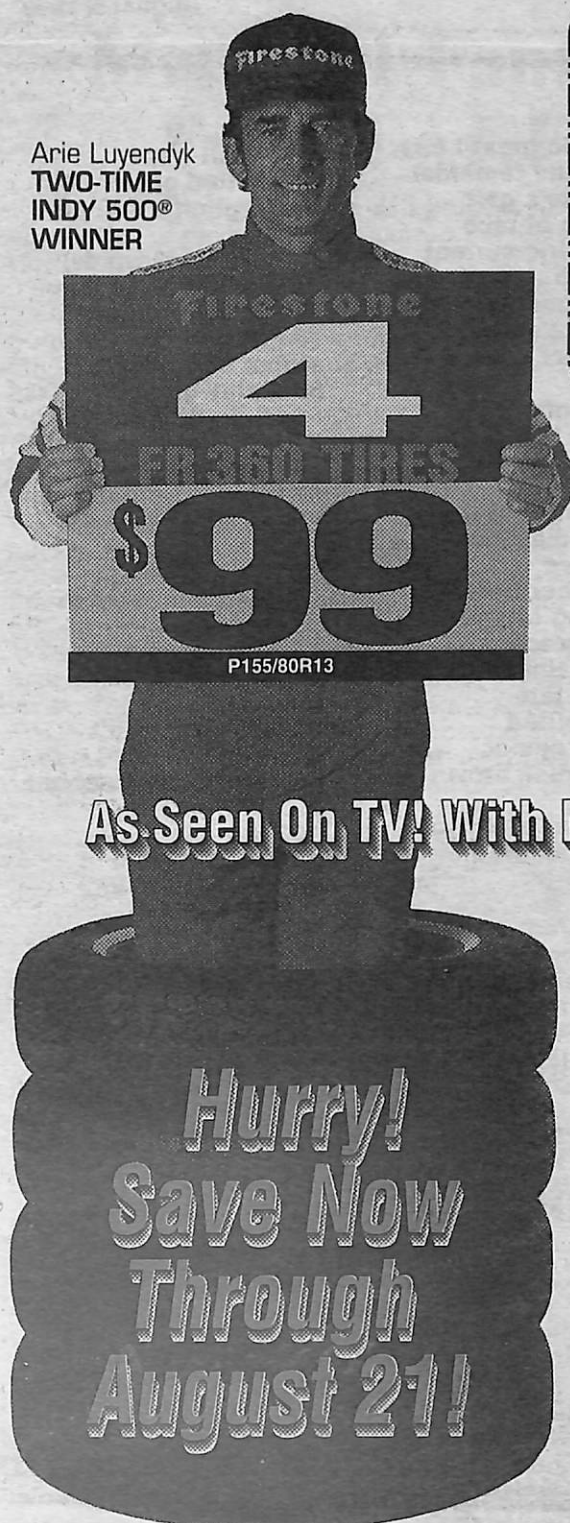
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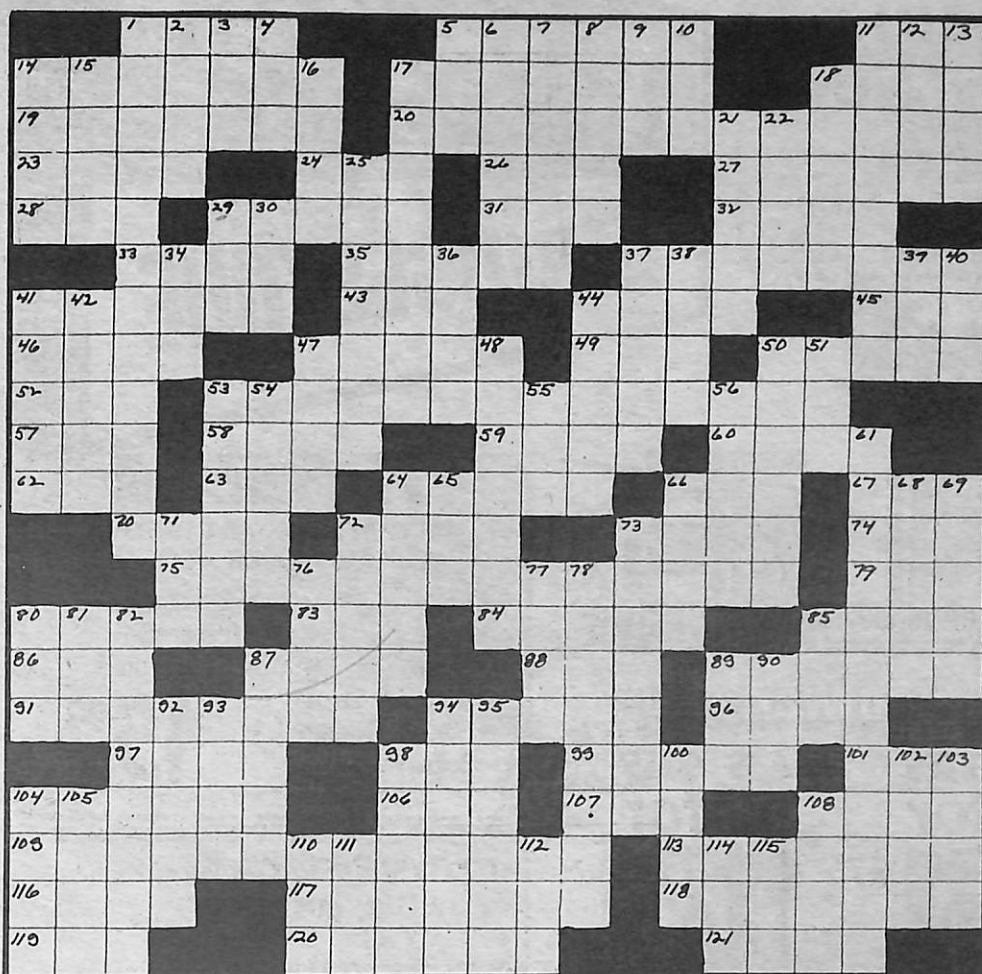
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Medieval Fantasy Next Endeavor For STAGE In Feeding Hills

STAGE children's theatre will present its third production of the summer season, a medieval fantasy entitled "THE SWORD & THE CRYSTAL," penned by STAGE co-director Margie Secora and presented at THE RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, on August 6th and 7th at 7:30 p.m., and August 7th and 8th at 2:00 p.m.

"THE SWORD & THE CRYSTAL" is set in the 12th century in England. Young people who are participating in this two-week camp have been immersed in the customs and folklore of the period. They have participated in sword and bo staff combat, period pattern dance and hoop dance, the construction of swords and props to be used in their production, and the design and construction of Coats of Arms.

They also cooked and ate foods typical of the period in a Medieval Feast Day during the second week. The roles they play call for the use of Old English dialect and the wearing of period clothing such as chaperones (a style of hat, leg hose, and surcoats). This two-week camp has given them a "hands-on" feel for the 13th century.

"THE SWORD & THE CRYSTAL" is the story of Jocelyn and Garth, two orphans who have been having a simultaneous recurring nightmare which seems to point to a momentous event which will happen at the Festival of the Summer Sun. Jocelyn (played by Jodi Pfau of Agawam) is a tom boy who wishes to be a knight. Garth (John Albano of West Springfield) has the gift of the seer, which has not yet been developed to its full potential. Add to the tale a powerful sword, a protective crystal, and the uniting of a divided kingdom which will be thwarted by a deadly Black Knight and you have an adventure not to be missed!

The previous two STAGE CAMP productions have played to sold-out audiences. The Friday evening performance of "THE SWORD & THE CRYSTAL" is already sold-out and a limited number of tickets remain for the other three performances.

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Members of the Latin-influenced group "Viva Quetzel."



YOUNG ACTORS in STAGE camp enjoy a medieval feast as they prepare for their production of "THE SWORD & THE CRYSTAL" at THE RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. The show will be presented on August 6th, 7th, and 8th.

"Viva Quetzel" To Perform In Concert On August 11th

As part of the Agawam Summer Entertainment Series, the eight-piece, Latin-influenced group Viva Quetzel will perform on Wednesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m.

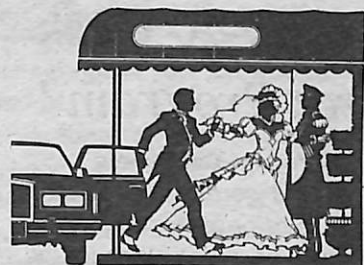
Admission is free and the show will be held rain or shine.

They have released three CD's on the Signature Sounds label and play a unique blend of music which combines uptempo jazz, folk, and a little funk to present a high energy performance. Together, the group plays over 24 instruments, including conga drums, zamponas, pan pipes, and the Colombian tiple.

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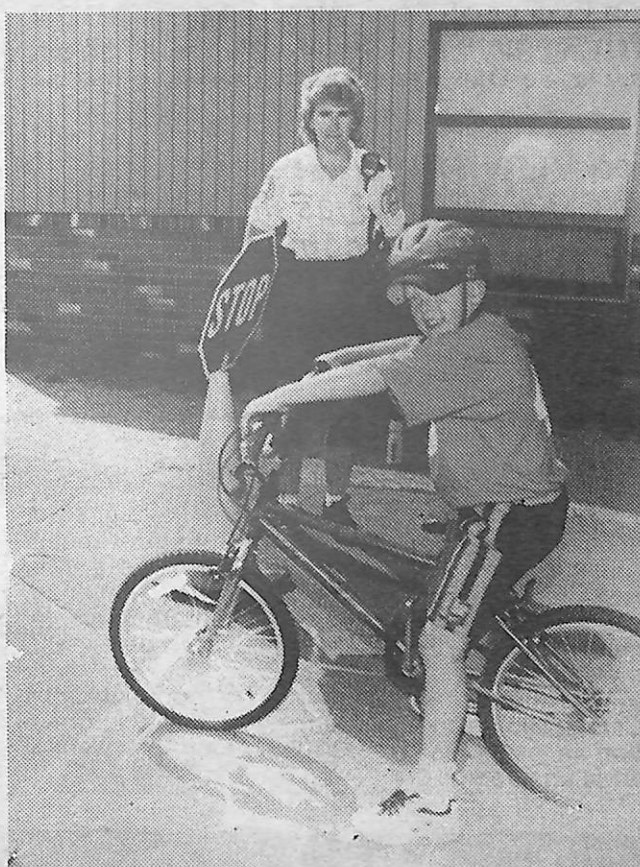
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AGAWAM POLICE OFFICER Karen Langevin with one of the "Bike Rodeo" participants at Perry Lane. (See related photo on Page 1.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"S.O.A.R."-ing to new reading levels at Robinson Park School (from left to right): Evan Menard, Jennifer Golbach, Emily Gendron, Katherine Suizhukou, Jessica Crowley, and Kevin Ung. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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State Rep. Dan Keenan Hosts AHS Students

State Representative Dan Keenan recently hosted Lou Russo and Jack Rioni of the Agawam Democratic Committee at the State House in Boston.

Russo and Rioni traveled to Boston with a group of Agawam High School students who are interested in government. The Agawam Democratic Town Committee has sponsored this annual day at the State House to give young people a closer look at how their government works.

The students began their day with a tour of the Historic State House. Throughout the day, the students had many questions. Among other things, the students learned the history of the state and the process by which legislation is passed.

In the afternoon, the students had the opportunity to attend a full formal session of the House, at which they were recognized by the House Speaker, Tom Finneran, as guests of Representative Dan Keenan.

Stephen K. Bodurtha Named To Dean's List At Bowdoin College

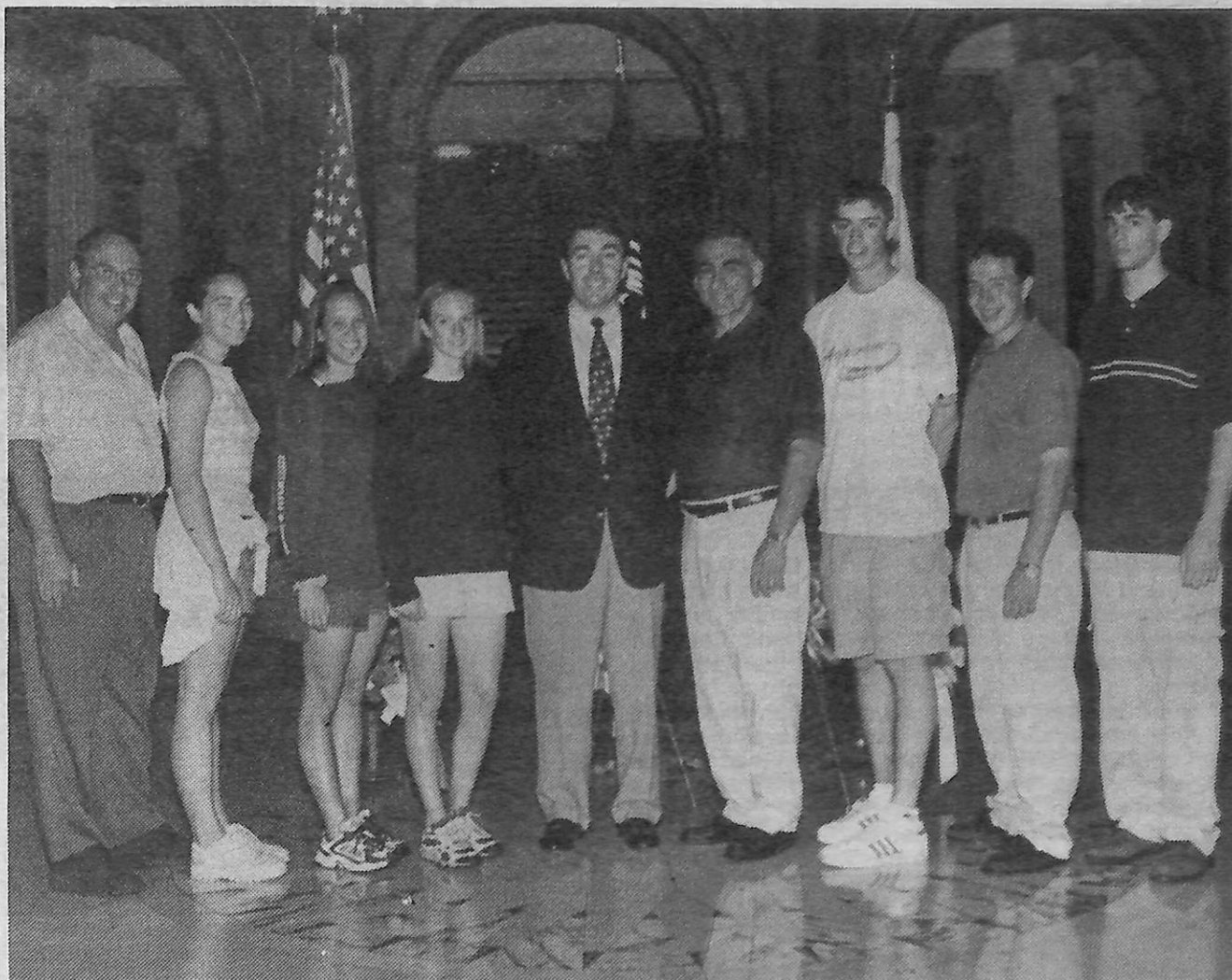
Bowdoin College has announced that Stephen K. Bodurtha of Agawam was among 211 students from Massachusetts have been named to the Dean's List on the basis of their scholastic achievements during the Spring semester of the 1998-99 academic year.

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AT THE STATE HOUSE IN BOSTON (from left to right): Jack Rioni, Jenna Bodurtha, Courtney Adamczyk, Amy Jenson, State Representative Dan Keenan, Lou Russo, William Campana, Robert Zajac, and Adam Ellsworth.

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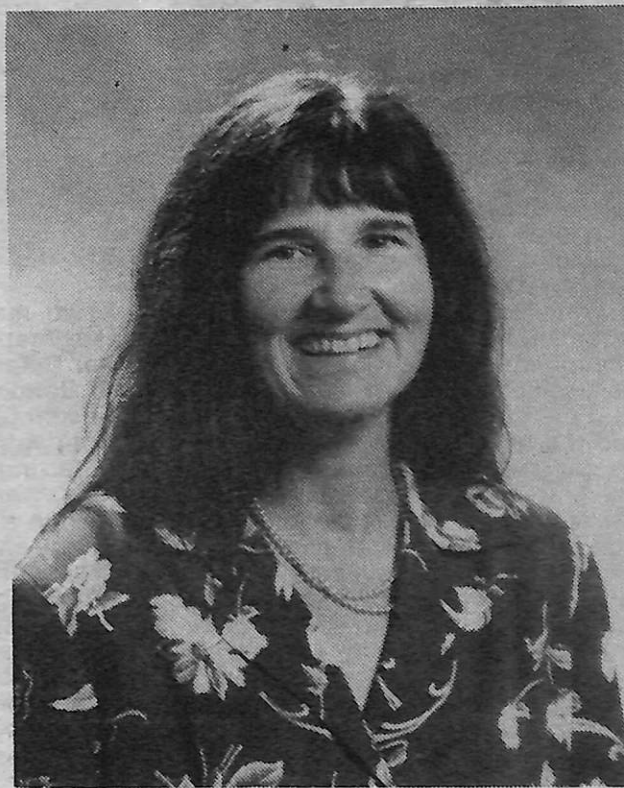
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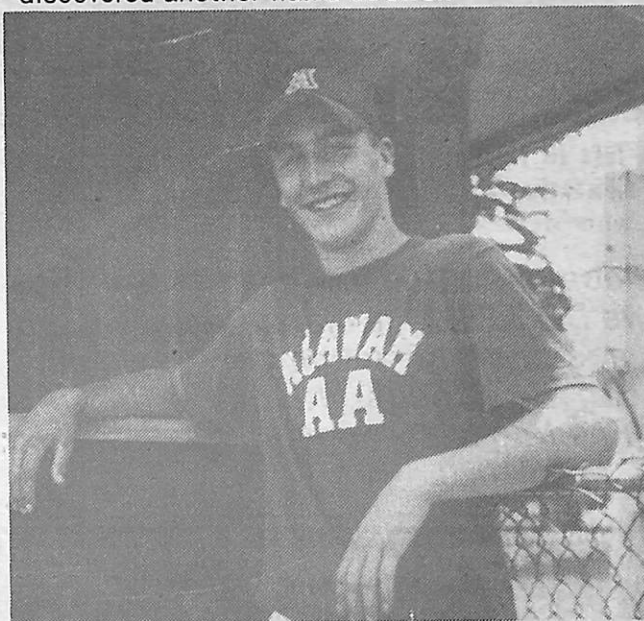
Several Agawam Athletes Attain All-Western Massachusetts Teams

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The spring athletic season saw many of the blue chip Brownies make the All-Western Mass. team in their respective sports.

Baseball, which ended up as the Division I Western Mass. Champs, produced three all-stars. Pitcher and second baseman **Brian St. Jean**, a junior, made the team for the first time. St. Jean contributed both on the hill and in the field (2nd base).

As a pitcher, he surfaced as a sophomore in a 1998 game against Central High. He was matched up against the Eagles' Pat Strange. Even though Agawam lost, 3-0, and over 20 pro scouts were there to train their Juggs Guns on Strange, it wasn't long before they also targeted St. Jean and discovered another flame thrower.



BRIAN ST. JEAN

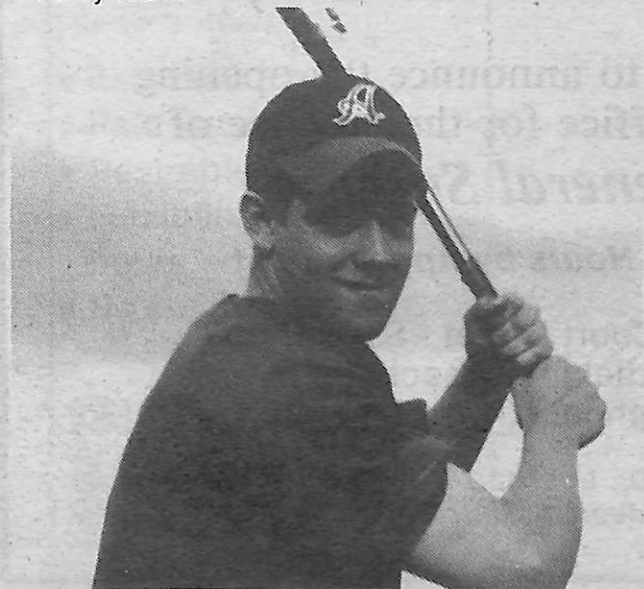
Strange went onto the pros and St. Jean has their interest now, with a fastball in the low 90's along with an evil change-up and an off-the-deck curve.

The right-hander finished 7-1 this year with a 2.19 ERA. He dusted 86 in 64 innings, beat Ludlow in the Western Mass. quarterfinals, and held off defending Western Mass. champion Pittsfield in the tournament final, pitching 7 1/3 innings before giving way to Ben Lapins. St. Jean's two-year varsity total on the mound is 14-2.

St. Jean was also steady in the field and a force at the plate. For the season, including the playoffs, he led the team with a .410 BA. His 30 hits tied him for first with sophomore Tony LeClair. He was first in on base percentage - .500, second in RBI's with 17; second in slugging, .650; second in total bases with 48; and second in stolen bases with 10. St. Jean is also a standout quarterback and defensive back on the Brownie football team.

Sophomore third baseman **Tony LeClair** was also a Western Mass. choice. His batting average, including the playoffs, was a lofty .394. He led the team in RBI's with 26; homeruns, four, triples, 6; and slugging percentage (.742) (among players with 50 or more at-bats).

He also led the team in total bases with 55. LeClair was solid in the field and featured a strong arm. He is also an all-star for the Agawam hockey team.



TONY LECLAIR



BEN LAPINS

The third Agawam baseball all-star was sophomore portsider **Ben Lapins**. His finest hour (in a season that saw him go 4-2 with an ERA of 3.50) came in a relief stint against Pittsfield for the Western Mass. crown. He saved a tight ballgame for St. Jean by shutting down the Generals over 1 2/3 innings to help preserve a 9-7 win.



JILL GENDRON

Two members of the Agawam girls' softball team reaped Western Mass. honors - junior catcher **Dianna DiStefano** and sophomore shortstop **Jill Gendron**. DiStefano, on the team for the second straight season, is the class catcher - tough, confident, and a leader.

Starting since her freshman year, DiStefano's skills were forged early and enabled her to become a member of the 1998 Agawam Western Mass. champions. She had major shoulder surgery after that season but came back through some tough and intense rehab to star in 1999.

About that surgery, she said, "It was painful, but you have to want to compete. And I wanted to be involved in athletics, so there was really no choice but to work hard and come back." DiStefano also plays soccer for the Brownies.



DIANNA DISTEFANO

This is Gendron's first time on the elite team. She is the heir to superstar shortstop Kristen Patterson (1998 grad) and didn't disappoint. During the 1999 season, Patterson was an assistant coach and helped Gendron settle into the position. This assistance, coupled with Gendron's natural ability, paid off (with only three errors in 22 games for the sophomore). Gendron was a solid hitter, usually working out of the middle of the batting order, ending up with a .341 average. She played first base for AHS, in the championship season of 1998.

Two Brownies made the second team - senior pitchers **Ali Jackobek** (7-6), a first team selection last season, and **Lindsay Mason** (6-3).



PETER BITZAS

Agawam boys' track had a blue chipper on the All-Western Mass. squad - senior **Peter Bitzas**. Bitzas was a triple jump specialist since his freshman season and came in first in this year's Individuals Meet with an effort of 42'11". He finished third in the sectionals and was second in Western Mass. for the longest triple jump during the season. The 6'3" scholar-athlete, who also competed in soccer, will continue his track career at Salem State College.



LINDSEY HADDEN

Lindsay Hadden, a member of the AHS girls' track team, also made the all-star squad in the discus and shot put. She holds the AHS record in the discus with a spin of 110-4 1/2. She went unbeaten in that discipline this year. Along the way, she came in first in the Valley League meet. Hadden is also a four-year All-Western Mass. performer in gymnastics. She hopes to attend UNH this fall, where she'll concentrate on her gymnastics career.

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Junior Marie Buendo and senior Cathy Dickinson made the All-Western Mass. Second Team in track.



ANN PAQUETTE

Girls' lacrosse placed three scholar athletes on the select team. They were led by junior Ann Paquette (her second time on the team). Paquette had 54 goals and 11 assists in 17 games during the spring, including season-high performances against East Longmeadow -7; and six goals apiece vs. Northampton and South Hadley. She just returned from a week-long stint at the United States Scholar-Athlete games at the University of Rhode Island and a tour of Maryland with a select group of Western Mass. girls' lacrosse stars. She was also a member of the West lacrosse contingent to the Bay State Games, which won the silver medal.



CHRISTINA GREGORY

Senior co-captain Christina Gregory (4 goals/5 assists) made the team for the first time. "Christina was an ultimate role-player for us who never quit and because of that, deserved to be one of our captains," girls' lacrosse Coach Cindy Grieve said. Gregory will attend Assumption College this fall where she hopes to continue her lacrosse career.

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In Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer Action...

Agawam's Tough Defense Results In 2-1 Victory Over Visiting Monson

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League boys' soccer team used some tough defense Tuesday evening, August 3rd to beat Monson, 2-1 at the Agawam Middle School. It was a first-round playoff game. The Summer Brownies came in at 11-1-1 while Monson showed up with a record of 9-2-2. In a meeting during the regular season, the teams played to a 1-1 tie.

Monson started early with its offense and would do so for much of the game. Also for much of the game, Agawam's defense had the answer. With barely two minutes gone, the visitors had a prime opportunity on a corner kick from the right side. But Jack Pearson, Jim Evans, and Mike Crough combined to sweep the ball out of harm's way.

Also hustling on defense was Matt Quirk. His midfield play with five minutes gone led to Agawam's first score. He got the ball to Jon Ashwell, who spotted Josh Dickman alone on the left wing about 50 feet from the Monson goal. Dickman lofted a soft shot that went over the keeper's outstretched hands and just under the crossbar at 5:15 to give Agawam the early 1-0 lead. Ashwell was credited with the assist.

Monson came back, however, with repeated rushes on the Agawam net. They seemed to have a sure score with 13:20 gone on a ball that had gotten behind the Brownie defense. Keeper John DeCaro, who had a superb game, raced out 30 feet and pounced on the ball a heartbeat before the Monson forward got a foot on it.

Monson had another opportunity in the works a minute later. This time the shot came from 20 feet in front of the Agawam net. Dan Marsili leapt high 10 feet in front of the goalmouth and headed the ball away.

With 17:32 off the clock, Monson had outshot Agawam, 7-2. They had a corner kick at 20:32 that once again tested the host's defense. The ball rattled around in the Agawam crease while a dozen feet whacked at it. Finally, it was cleared on a big effort by Mike Sullivan and Dickman.

Monson finally got some reward for their efforts with 21:14 gone in the first half, scoring on a shot

from 30 feet in front into the far right corner that DeCaro, despite a big effort, could never have gotten.

Both Teams Had Their Chances

Both teams would have their chances as the half wore down, but the score stayed at one apiece when the whistle blew. Agawam had four shots on goal in the first half. Monson answered with 10.

Monson started out the second 35 minutes by giving Agawam a scare on a shot that just skimmed the top of the crossbar 1:15 in.

The Summer Brownies came back behind forward Brian Lopes, who was flying just about the entire game. At the 3:39 mark, he beat his man down the right wing, cut to the net, and had the entire left side open. Unfortunately, he was just off and his shot hit the right post instead.

Monson mounted a rush minutes later. They had a shot and took it. The ball seemed headed for the right corner of the Agawam goal. But, DeCaro, parallel to the ground and stretched out as far as he could go, made the save.

With 14 minutes left in the game, Agawam recorded its second goal. Lopes darted in front of the Monson net. Dickman had the ball on the right wing. He passed to Ashwell who then passed it to Lopes, who then tipped the ball into the right corner from 10 feet out. Ashwell got his second assist of the game and Agawam went up, 2-1.

A minute later, Agawam's Marsili went down with a hamstring injury as he was back on defense, battling for the ball. And it was all defense for the Summer Brownies as time ran out. Some of the highlights included Matt Quirk, Dickman, and Lopes clearing another ball with goal written all over it from the crease and two more inspired saves by DeCaro, including one with two minutes to go.

Agawam's next game would be Thursday evening, at the Middle School against Ludlow II in a semi-final contest.

Agawam had five second-half shots on goal for a game total of nine. Monson managed three for a total of 13.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Agawam goalie John DeCaro. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Josh Dickman (number 12) and Brian Lopes (3) on the attack versus Monson. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

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Profile...

Christina Gregory Reflects On Her Senior Season Of AHS Lacrosse

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Christina Gregory finished up her Agawam High School career with a spot on the All-Western Mass. girls' lacrosse squad. Recently, the graduate took some time out to talk about herself and her days at AHS.

Christina turned 18 on January 9th. All four years of her secondary education were spent at Agawam High. Academic honors for her included Pro Merito, a place on Quill and Scroll (which is the international honor society for high school journalists), and the school's award-winning yearbook (where she was a member of the layout staff). Her favorite course at AHS was English. Joseph Fitzgerald was her top teacher.



CHRISTINA GREGORY

Christina will attend Assumption College in Worcester this fall. Her major is undecided at this time. But she will endeavor to continue her lacrosse career with the Greyhounds.

Her favorite sport (of course) is lacrosse, which she played all four years at AHS. She was a co-captain in her senior season. Her best memory came in the playoffs this year (a 14-3 loss to the eventual Western Mass. champion, Minnechaug Regional).

"They were better than us. But we gave it everything we had. We played hard and even though the score was lopsided, we never gave up."

Christina noticed some positive things in the 1999 season, which saw the team go to the playoffs for the fourth year in a row. "Some situations weren't that good. But in the end, we played better a lot more times that we played poorly."

Italian food tops the chow line for her.

Blue is Christina's favorite color.

She favors a Volkswagon Jetta for transportation.

She likes to kick back and relax at the beach, preferably at Cape Cod.

Either casual or dress clothes fit her fancy. "It depends on the situation. But I'm comfortable either way," she noted.

Any kind of music suits her, including country. The Dave Mathews Band is her favorite group.

Christina's top pick on the tube is "Everyone Loves Raymond." "My Best Friend's Wedding" is her favorite flick.

Cheryl is her mom. Ken is her dad. She has a younger sister, Sarah (16), who is going into her junior year at the High School. Sarah plays lacrosse as well.

The people Christina looks up to are her parents. "They've gone through a lot and they know what they're doing," she said.

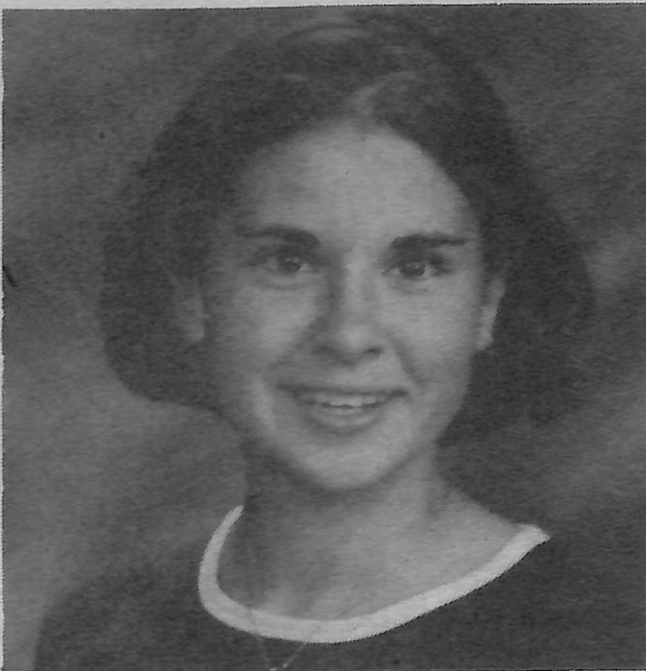
She would like to be remembered at AHS as "a good teammate."

Girls' lacrosse coach Cindy Grieve had this to say about this week's featured athlete: "Christina was a top leader for our team. She is very dedicated to the game. She practiced as hard as she played and was focused at all times."

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ALL-WESTERN MASS. - from Page 35...

The third Brownie to make All-Western Mass. was junior goalie **Mary Elizabeth Dupelle**. She has been the starting netminder since her freshman season. Dupelle's record in net this year was 9-6, with 164 saves. During the campaign she had two 14-save games (both wins against Northampton - 14-7 & 13-4). She was a goaltender and co-captain on the field hockey team as well.



MARY ELIZABETH DUPELLE

Junior defenders **Kate Shannon** (12 goals, 12 assists) and **Amanda Sternowski** (34 goals, 3 assists) made the All-Western Mass. Second Team.

Agawam boys' lacrosse placed two kids on the All-Western Mass. Second Team - senior mid-fielder **Dave Balbony** (22 goals, 15 assists) and junior attacker **Dave Moore** (32 goals, 6 assists).

Boys' volleyball, a new program for the school this past spring, saw seniors **Dave Thomas** and AFS exchange student **Ondrej Lukes** grabbed spots on the All-Western Mass. Second Team. They helped lead Agawam volleyball to a 15-3 record, the Southern Division crown, and a third seed in the Western Mass. Tournament. They lost in the semifinals, 3-0, to eventual champion Minnechaug Regional.

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Agawam Sandy Koufax Champs In New Jersey

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

When you become the state champion in any sport, the logical next step is to head for the regional playoffs. So it was for the Agawam Sandy Koufax team this past weekend. Their destination was Washington Township in New Jersey and the town of Mahwah.

The team, which had been on a nine-game winning streak, came away with a 1-2 record down there and came home out of any further playoff action.

It was an experience for both the kids and the coaches, and it started with their very first game on Friday, July 30th, against a team from Brooklyn, New York. "Two things hit us right off; actually, three might have better described it. First, the dimension of the field, then the program the Brooklyn team had, and finally, some strange umpiring," Coach Brian Rheault noted.

They lost 9-1 to the kids from the Big Apple, and the reasons were just mentioned. First, the Sandy Koufax diamonds down there are not like the ones the kids compete on up here, according to Rheault. "We play on 90-foot regulation professional fields, with a 60-foot, six-inch distance from the rubber to the plate. The tournament format we encountered calls for a field with 80-foot base paths and 54 feet from the mound to the dish. Plus, the infield is skin; there was not a blade of grass to be found."

That was the first problem. "The game is speeded up immensely. We weren't ready for something like that right off the bat," Rheault added. But they hung tough and were only down, 1-0, going into the fourth inning. Then five Brooklyn home runs in that inning hurt them.

"These kids were very good. Maybe it's because they have a \$20,000 budget to play around with, and every one of those kids has to pay \$800 to play Koufax ball," Rheault observed, pointing out point number two.

But Agawam could have come back and it started with what appeared to be a Vinny Moretti round-tripper in the bottom of the inning. Then came the third obstacle — some shoddy umpiring. Moretti seemed to have a homerun in the bank, and the third-base umpire signaled as much and waved him home. Vinny went into a trot. Suddenly the ball is being pegged back in from centerfield and Vinny is nailed at the plate.

The Brooklyn Brain Trust Came Out...

That sent the Agawam coaches onto the field and a little later the Brooklyn brain trust came out. A half-hour later, the umpire admitted he blew the call.

But that didn't seem to hold water with the local Sandy Koufax officials, who tried to mediate the argument. "It seems the umpire changed his call right in the middle of the play, as Vinny was coming home. We didn't see it and apparently no one else did until the out at the plate," Rheault said, shaking his head.

So, what could have been an Agawam rally was squashed when the officials said the play would stand despite the bad call. "That took the wind out of our sails," Rheault admitted.

Agawam was suddenly in the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament, which meant another one in the right-hand column and it was time for the bus.

On Saturday morning, July 31st, they met the local team from Washington Township. It was a tight game in the fifth, with things knotted up at 5-5. Then the Agawam power hitters gave notice.

Justin Perry hit a three-run job in the fifth for an 8-5 Agawam lead. That poke was followed by two more; a grand slam off the bat of Mike Domrowski and a single shot from Ryan Lottermoser to give the locals a 13-5 victory.

Their next and what would be their final game came Saturday afternoon against a team from Pennsylvania — a 10-6 loss. Agawam was only down, 7-6, in the sixth when a three-run homer had them in a hole they couldn't scramble out of.

"All in all, we played very well for a situation that was fairly new to us. Our pitching was solid and our offense got us runs. But the teams down there had what we knew they would have — some tough pitching," Rheault said.

While it was mostly baseball, the kids did have fun. "It was probably as close to a Major League experience as they'll ever get: being on the road in a very nice motel (a Sheraton), eating some pretty good food together, and going over strategy together," Rheault smiled. He also added that when they left on Sunday afternoon for the four-hour trip home, that big-bucks team from Brooklyn was still unbeaten and going for the title.

Best local news...

Gaining Experience And A New Slant On The Game...

Two AHS Soccer Players Attending A 10-Day Academy In London

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

In perhaps the highlight of their soccer careers to date, two Agawam High scholar-athletes flew off to England this week for a 10-day soccer academy in London. They are senior defender Sheri Benton and junior midfielder Courtney Adamczyk.

"I've never done anything like this," Adamczyk smiled. As for Benton, she had this to say: "I went to Canada once for a clinic, but this is really exciting." They both left from Logan Airport at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening. It was about a five-hour flight.

Former Agawam High soccer coach and former National Women's High School Coach of the Year, Mary Murray was the one primarily responsible for the trip. "She (Murray) made all the arrangements because she thought we were qualified," Benton noted. They were part of a team that went 10-7-2 in the 1998 season and made the Division I playoffs.

The camp will be located in the suburbs of London. It is open to girls who are going into their sophomore, junior, and senior seasons on the high school level. Once there, they'll receive both individual and group training from a distinguished list of instructors.

Among them is Julie Hemsley, the camp's director of coaching. She has an impressive resume as a former coach of England's Ladies National Team, which she also played for. Also, she is the only woman chosen to serve on the English Football Association Council. Ms. Hemsley is a former coach of Brighton & Hove Albion in the Women's FA Premier Professional League. She will be joined by John Mitchell of Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire, whose Lady Ravens teams won the NCAA National Championship in 1994 and 1995.

Chance To Test Skills

The players will get a chance to test their skills against youth teams of various English professional squads. The whole thing is a golden opportunity, according to the Brownie duo. "It will be a good test. This can only make our games better. Kids in that part of the world grow up playing soccer from a very young age. And the girls' game over there is coming on, much like ours," Adamczyk said.

Benton added, "And we'll be training intensively for the entire time we're there. So when the season starts back here, we should be in top shape." Both kids will again be members of Agawam High girls' varsity soccer in the fall.

Besides the conditioning, which will come in morning and afternoon workout sessions, they will play five games against the British teams during their 10-day stay. They will also be taken to see a British professional match.

Of course, even though soccer is the main focus, it doesn't mean they won't get a chance to sample the other enticing aspects of a trip to Merry Ole England. They will get to be tourists as well as football players. "I'd most like to see Buckingham Palace," Adamczyk admitted. "Big Ben and Westminster Abbey are my choices," Benton smiled.

They will return August 14th. Tryouts for the girls' varsity start August 26th with the season soon to follow. The Agawam girls will have a new coach this year — Laura Wray. Both players are looking forward to the experience. "I met her as a soccer camp counselor. She (Wray) is really into the game. We'll get to see a new coaching style. It should be exciting," Adamczyk observed.

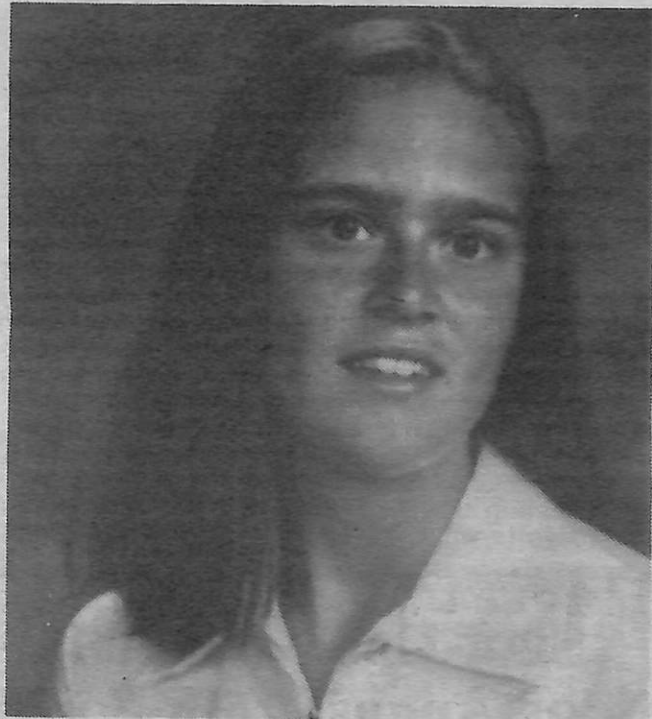
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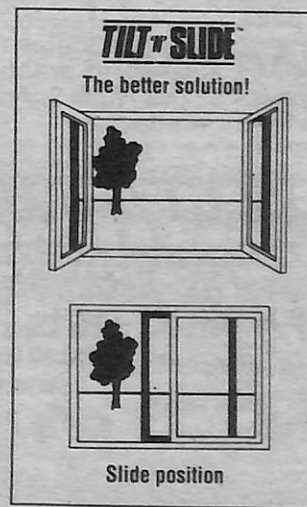
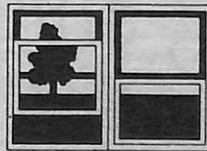
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Agawam Dynamos Take Canada By Storm In Soccer Tourney

The Agawam U14 PVJSL boys' team, the Dynamos, went to Canada for their season-ending final tournament prior to entering high school.

The tournament was the prestigious Gloucester International Boys' Soccer Tournament, which hosted 196 boys' teams from across the world on July 16th and 17th in Ottawa, Canada. The Dynamos were forced to play up one age group in the U15 division due to Canadian rules governing birthdate cutoffs.

Unlike in the U.S., where soccer cutoffs are August 1st of a given year, in Canada, the cutoff is January 1st, which placed several of the Dynamos over the U14 age limit. The team was seeded along with 13 other Canadian teams into four groups. The competition included both English-speaking as well as French-speaking teams.

Practice for this tournament began three weeks prior to the tournament with Jeff Rousseau and Glenn Olson putting the boys through their paces in preparation for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play in another country. Parents and kids left early Friday morning for the eight-hour trip to Ottawa and the hotel, which all were staying in.

The first game was slated for Saturday morning at 10:15 a.m. against the Cumberland Cobras. Surprisingly, it was a warm 92 degrees even in Ottawa. Since there was both an English-speaking team and a Canadian team, the refereeing was done in English. Had two Canadian teams been playing, the refereeing would have been in French.

The Dynamos quickly learned that playing in a different country means adapting quickly. The referee halted the game several times and warned the Dynamo players that he would be handing out yellow cards if they continued to say, "I got it," on the field. At halftime, the ref patiently explained that he was being very lenient since we were unfamiliar with the rule, but would not tolerate any more of it.

The Dynamos scored first to make the game 1-0 into the half. The Cobras quickly tied the score in the second half, but the Dynamos fought back and scored the game-winner. The contest was hard fought on both sides of the pitch.

Our next game was against the Cornwall KMSA Selects, a select team (much like the Dynamos) from the Cumberland area of Ontario about 60 miles from Ottawa. Even under the searing afternoon sun and temperatures in the high 90's, the Dynamos gave it their all and defeated Cornwall, 5-0. Checking the scoreboard indicated that the Sunday morning game would be critical if the Dynamos wished to move on to semifinals.

The Brockville Generals had both a tie and a win. Beating the Dynamos would put them into the playoffs while a tie or win for the Dynamos



THE AGAWAM "DYNAMOS": standing — Assistant Coach Glenn Olson, Al Santaniello, Tim Larocca, Bob DeGray, Matt McGrath, Dave Bienia, Ryan Lynch, Paul Pilegi, Sal Santaniello, Mike McGeoghan, and Coach Jeff Rousseau; kneeling — Paul Lagasse, Ryan Sullivan, Jon Sikes, Lou LeClair, Greg Cizek, Mark LeClair, and James Messier.

would send us to the playoffs.

The team was up at the crack of dawn and heading for the field for the showdown with the Generals. During the first half, the Generals and Dynamos sparred, mostly at midfield, with several good opportunities for both teams. It was tied, 1-1, at the half.

The Dynamos came to play and that's exactly what they did in the second half, scoring twice to defeat the Generals, 3-1, and moving on to semifinals at 11:30 a.m. The Nepean HotSpurs played the Dynamos for the opportunity to play in the finals. Agawam, under the guidance and tutelage of Coaches Rousseau and Olson, played perhaps their best game of the tournament to defeat the HotSpurs, 5-1.

The Dynamos met the Kemptville Cougars in the final game, a team that had only let in one goal so far in the tournament. Coming out strong, the Dynamos could sense victory and played with skill, finesse, and assertiveness. The Cougars

were no match for the fired-up Dynamos and went down, 5-0!

The Dynamos had become the first (and ONLY) team from Agawam to play and win a Canadian tournament.

The Dynamos had amassed a total of 20 goals for and only three goals against in the five-game tournament. These fine athletes will now be moving on to Agawam High to, hopefully, play on a winning freshman team and continue the Agawam Soccer Association tradition of excellence.

The Dynamos' parents wish to thank Jeff Rousseau and Glenn Olson for the time, patience, understanding, and especially their "can do" attitudes. It's rare to see two experienced, seasoned coaches spending this much time with a team on which they have no lids or relatives playing. This type of collaboration makes both the High School program and the Agawam Soccer Association better because of it!

A Correction From The Coach...

Sign-Ups Now Set For August 26th For AHS Girls' Volleyball

Sign-ups for the 1999 Agawam High School girls' volleyball team will be held on Thursday, August 26th, at the Agawam High School gymnasium at 9:00 a.m. (In last week's edition of *The AAN*, it was announced that the sign-ups were to be held on Monday, August 23rd; please disregard the old information.)

Athletes should wear shorts and T-shirts to practice in, along with good supporting sneakers and knee pads.

Coach Patricia Demers states that those trying out will not be allowed to practice until they've had a physical at the High School or bring in a form from their own doctor.

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A Tradition For Eight Summers...

Conte's Baseball Camp Winds Up Another Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For eight years, Agawam High basketball Coach Lou Conte has been holding a summer camp for kids who are interested in excellence in baseball. It wrapped up this week at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Once again, it was a success, teaching the basics, which will hopefully become building blocks for many enjoyable careers on the diamond, no matter how far a kid might decide to go.

The camp accepts kids from eight to 14 years of age. It was so popular this year that the original one-week format was increased to include another week. Since the camp really doesn't advertise, the extra time shows just how far good results and word of mouth can go. Plus, the campers are almost exclusively from Agawam. "That's right, but we had a couple from other towns. Mostly, they're local," Conte said.

Conte doesn't do it alone. "I have a good group of instructors who know every aspect of the game. They include Pete Clark (AHS boys' varsity and Western Mass. champs), Brian Rheault (coach of the Agawam State Champion Sandy Koufax League team and hitting coach at AHS), John Griffin (Westfield State College baseball coach), former AHS ace pitcher Carm Battista, and former AHS baseball star and freshman starter at Springfield College, Austin Kimball (among others).

The camp, attended by close to 70 kids, is a testament to the viability of baseball in the town. The 11-12 All-Star Little Leaguers went to the semifinals of the District I Tournament. The 9-10 Little League All-Stars are still in their tournament. The Sandy Koufax and varsity ball players are, of course, champions in their respective divisions.

Conte agrees that his camp is helping the local quality of the game, which just might hit the rarified atmosphere of baseball in neighboring Westfield. But, he also stresses other reasons. "I think the training the kids get in the Sacred Heart League or the Little League age groups have a lot to do with the good baseball fortunes we've had in Agawam over the past year."

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THE 1999 SUMMER BAY STATE GAMES West Girls Soccer Gold Medal Team and Coaches.

West Scholastic Girls Soccer Team Wins Gold At Bay State Games

The West Scholastic Girls Soccer Team proved the team to beat at the recent 1999 Summer Bay State Games held in Boston, July 15th-18th. The girls' record going into the finals was 2-3-0. The final game was held on Sunday, July 18th, at 2:00 p.m. at UMASS Boston.

The Gold Medal Game was against Coastal. The West had previously beat them 1-0 on Friday. Both teams were well-matched and played well.

The first goal was off a corner kick from Amanda Tilden of Agawam, with Jacquelyn Kendall of Belchertown putting it in the net. Julie Arroyo of Westfield, the goalie, had a fantastic game. She saved a crucial penalty kick in the second half with several point-blank shots on goal following the penalty kick.

The win was truly a team effort. The score at the half was 1-0 West, and the final ended with a score of 2-0. This was the first time in five years

that the West Team won the Gold Medal. Congratulations, girls!

The coaches for the team were: Head Coach, Ed Scagel; Assistant Coach, Jon Scagel; Goalie Coaches, Eli Greiner and Michelle Matose; and Manager, Greg Pedersen.

The team members were: Julie Arroyo (Westfield), Aileen Ascolese (Holyoke), Asheley Bardin (Wahconah), Courtney Brown (Longmeadow), Christine Curry (Pittsfield), Molly Desroches (Belchertown), Erin Duffy (East Longmeadow), Mindy Dymon (Ware), Laurel Fulton (Middlesex), Jessica Hurley (Central), Jacquelyn Kendall (Belchertown), Shannon McKellick (Central), Brigid McKenna (Holyoke), Julie Randall (East Longmeadow), Stacy Rodriguez (Westfield), Christina Rossi (Ware), Amanda Tilden (Agawam), Olivia Tusinski (Pioneer), Jamie Walsh (Central), and Maureen Ziskowski (Westfield).

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Every golfer should take a lesson or two at some point; when starting out, perhaps; when having swing problems; or when taking up the game again after a layoff.

But it's equally important to know how to get the most out of a lesson. Otherwise, you're wasting your money.

Here are some pointers:

- Try to take lessons from a qualified teaching pro.
- Decide what you want to work on before you begin the lesson, and tell the pro what that is.
- Listen to the pro. Don't tell him what you think you're doing wrong. If he's worth his salt, it will take him only a few of your swings to decide for himself.
- Videotape your swing. That way you can go over the lesson in greater detail on your own.
- Ask questions and take notes.
- Practice between lessons. And practice what you've been working on.
- Use your own clubs. If you intend to play golf with them, you should learn to play with them, too.

AHS Athletic Dept. Lists Important Dates For Fall Sports

All potential student-athletes of Agawam High School **MUST** have a signed M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form to be eligible to try out for any of the fall teams.

A student-athlete may have his/her physical examination completed by his/her own doctor or they may have their physical examination done at the High School on the following dates:

MONDAY, AUGUST 23rd: 8:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity football; 9:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity boys' soccer; 10:00 a.m., boys' cross country; 10:15 a.m., golf; 10:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity girls' soccer; 11:00 a.m., varsity and junior varsity field hockey; 11:30 a.m., girls' volleyball.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th: 8:30 a.m., freshmen football; 9:00 a.m., freshmen boys' soccer; 9:30 a.m., freshmen girls' soccer; 9:45 a.m., freshmen field hockey; 10:00 a.m., gymnastics; 10:15 a.m., girls' cross country.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27th: 8:00 a.m., make-up physicals for boys; 8:30 a.m., make-up physicals for girls.

PRACTICE SCHEDULES: August 23rd: **FOOTBALL ONLY** (8:00 a.m.); August 26th: **ALL Teams** (8:00 a.m.)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: September 2nd: Back to Sport Night, 7:00 p.m.; September 7th: Media Day (2:15 p.m.); September 8th, "Let the Games Begin"; October 2nd: 5th Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit the Agawam High School Athletic Dept., 8:00 a.m.

If you are in need of an M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form, they are available in both the Main Office and the Athletic Director's Office of Agawam High School. Summer hours are from 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. (offices are closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch).

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The Chickens Come Home To Roost— Question One Proves Our Point...

During the last election two years ago, voters were misled into thinking that they were "protecting" animals against "cruel" trapping. The airwaves were filled with emotional pleas to "stop animal suffering."

What the voters did not know was the far-reaching consequences of the rest of the provisions of ballot question One.

Now we see in the media in just the last week, pictures of bears crossing streets in Holyoke and photos on the front pages of coyotes in back yards.

In response to the bear problem, the state of Massachusetts is using the only tool available to control the population ... extending the hunting season. Unfortunately, this will not be an effective tool in checking the 10 to 12 percent annual population increase of the bears.

We have a finite amount of "wilderness" areas and as the bear population increases, they will roam into urban areas. A black bear may cover an area of upwards of 40 square miles, as his territory.

Right here in Agawam, we have had an increase in the number of bears that have been tranquilized by the game warden and transported elsewhere. This is only a short-term fix.

It will only be a matter of time until a child gets between a sow and her cubs and tragedy occurs. What will far-left liberal do-gooders do then? They will probably pronounce the child's parents unfit for not being more careful!

The pending increase in the length of the bear season will have little effect on the population. An estimated population of roughly 2,000 bears growing at a 10 to 12 percent annual increase will yield approximately 200 more per year.

Last year's harvest of 59 bears will barely put a dent in the population growth. The uninformed may think that the longer season on bears will give the desired results, but I feel that they are sadly mistaken.

Many of the bears harvested in past years have been by hunting with bear hounds. There were few dedicated hound men in the state to start with, and since the outlawing of hunting bear with hounds, there are even fewer now.

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On July 10th, the Royals defeated the Padres to win the Babe Ruth championship.

Eleven of the 14 players were rookies. During the season, the rookies came through for us as the entire team improved steadily in all areas of the game.

Coaches Steve Pilegi and Mike Day want to especially recognize the following players for an outstanding year at the plate (true averages), as well as in the field:

Steven Turner, pitcher/outfielder/third baseman, batting .315; Paul Pilegi, catcher, batting .430; Vincent Moretti, pitcher/third baseman, batting .481; and Thomas Boisjolie, pitcher/outfielder, batting .531.

A great season to all the Royals!

Agawam Chamber Slates 2nd Annual 9-Hole Golf Social

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce announces plans for their 2nd Annual Nine (9) Hole Golf Social scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd at Agawam Country Club.

The Chamber is hosting the fall afternoon of golf and business networking to offer Agawam business people an opportunity to meet for a golf outing without having to take an entire day off from work.

Tee times will be set up between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. allowing for foursomes to complete a nine-hole scramble and then gather for a light buffet and networking in the Clubhouse.

"Everyone that played last year suggested that the Chamber continue the tradition. In addition to the fun, the Chamber is pleased to offer another opportunity for area business men and women to meet, introduce themselves, and expand their network of business contacts here in Agawam," said Linda Northup Vitro, president of the Agawam Chamber.

"The Agawam Chamber golf social is a business networking event open to all. All levels of players are welcome," Northup Vitro added.

The price per golfer is \$25 and includes green fees, cart, and refreshments and prizes. Space is limited to 60 golfers.

For more information or an application to play, call the Agawam Chamber at 413-787-1555.

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MEMBERS OF THE BILL WALSH-SPONSORED "Royals," the 1999 Agawam Babe Ruth Championship team. Back row — Coach Stephen Pilegi, Thomas Boisjolie, Roger Sicar, Vincent Moretti, Steven Turner, Alan Bishop, Kyle McGuire, and Coach Michael Day. Front row — Paul Pilegi, William Cochran, Christopher Martin, Ryan Day, and Dustin Hoover. (Missing from photo: Alex Alvanos and William Long.)

S.H.A.A.'s 9-10 Boys' Champs...



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE Sacred Heart Athletic Association's 9-10 boys' division and league champions (14-2): back row — Coach Rick Holt, Head Coach Carl Roberts, and Coach Chris Petrucci; middle row — Corey Lynch, Matt Roberts, Mike Malerba, J.J. Negrone, Jon Lapins, Dustin Petrucci, Eric Holt, and Andrew Guiel; front row — Matt Lapins, Josh Dion, Charles Kane, and Tim Paquette.

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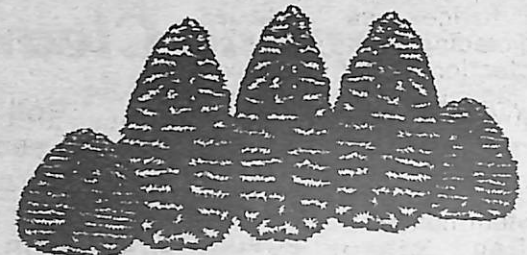
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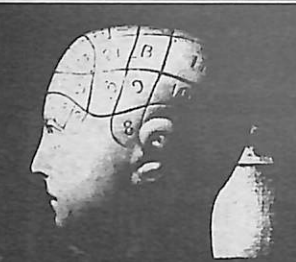
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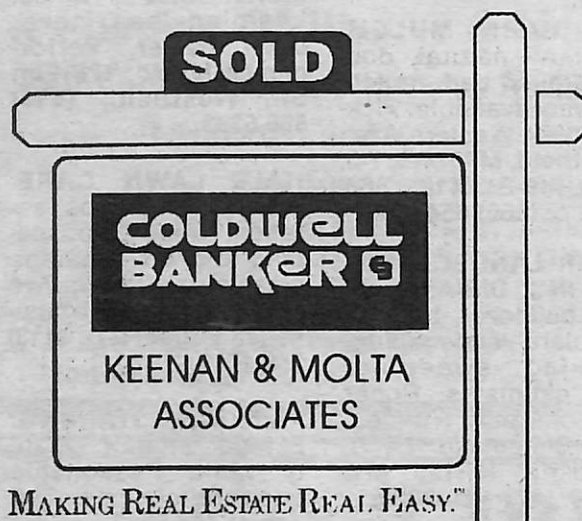
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